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INTERVENTION IN INFORMALS

ON

Clusters 3 - Draft Art 7, 8 and 12

Protection of Persons in the Event of Disaster-

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My delegation welcomes article 7 and note and agreed that international cooperation is indispensable. We note the reference in Article to the numerous instrument on cooperation including the UN Charter which elaborated on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in Article 56 of the Charter, the declaration in principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and cooperation amongst States in Accordance to the Charter, including international human rights obligations as well as the Sendai Framework guiding principle

which we agree are key instrument for cooperation and beneficial.

2. We note the various actors in this cooperation, apart from the intergovernmental and non-governmental organization and the role as contained in resolution GA 2008, /36 which recognized the role of relevant humanitarian actors. For us the ‘relevant humanitarian actions’ is vague and requires further clarification. There should be clear distinction between inter-governmental and non-governmental cooperation, cooperation does not mean confusion especially in humanitarian assistance and their activities non-governmental organization should be streamline as mentioned in our statement. We reiterate the role of the regional organization in disasters management and emergencies considering the current form of transnational disasters.

3. We commend the Commission reference to the UN Office of the Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) which is the key actor in coordinating assistance. However, we note that as the single United Nations point to

manage emergencies, it faces challenges of coordination in light the current frequency of disasters. To effectively achieve the intention of this instrument, we recommend to establish a mechanism to compliment the role of the UN OCHA to support in coordinating of Humanitarian Assistance as well as in building capacity in prevention and early warning in most vulnerable communities especially developing countries. It would be achieved through the active involvement of regional organization. We recognized the important role of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as a coordination body.

4. Article 8, we request the clear classification of forms of this cooperation in response to these disasters and the responsibilities with regards discharged of the activities during emergencies. The list is inexhaustible and require coordination which we agreed with others.

5. On Art 12, offers of externals assistance, what do we mean by the offers, as refer in the paragraph 2, this cooperation are mostly bilateral or other forms of

agreements. It should be by mutual agreement and respect of sovereignty of states and there should be more clarification of what this offer constitutes, most offers come with obligations by the offering State and the affected State are always in a very critical circumstances and would have no options. I think we should all work in the spirit of cooperation.

6. Because of the complication that comes with external assistance, we suggest that Article 12 should be dealt with in a future article because of the complexity involving affected States, donors, non-governmental organization, and the other potential assistance.

7. I thank you