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General observation and comments on article 10, 11,13 & 14

My delegation wishes to emphasize that the primary focus is persons in disasters and central to our discussion. We also reiterate that the affected states have the obligation to protect and provide relief assistance within its national territory and has the right to further request for assistance from any relevant UN inter-governmental and humanitarian organisation in response to disasters if it lacks the capacity.

2. My delegation reject the inclusion of access on any assistance as proposed by a group of states, it is within the prerogative and discretion of the affected state to allow access in any form, on what type of assistance and from whom it wants to request assistance in accordance with international law. We reject any imposition and control on external assistance, it should follow guidelines and in good faith.

3. We request more clarification on the use of arbitrary in this context as also mentioned by several delegation.

4. We recognise the importance of human rights protections, however as we note the several mention of the rights of the affected persons. We wish to state that such issues are also within the obligation of the State to protect the rights of the affected persons within its jurisdiction and also covered by other international instruments. Human rights should not be used under the disguise of providing assistance to interfere in domestic affairs.

5. We support the call to mention very clearly at the preamble of the text the principle of sovereignty and non-interference in accordance with the provision of the UN Charter.

Thank you