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**INTERVENTION BY MS JEAN KUA,
DELEGATE TO THE 79TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR CLUSTER 4 DEBATE, WORKING GROUP
ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS,
SIXTH COMMITTEE,
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Mr Chair,

1 Thank you for giving me the floor.

2 Singapore notes that the duty of the affected State to seek external assistance and to consent, where necessary and appropriate, to the provision of such assistance is the counterpart to the offer and provision of external assistance. The articles in Cluster 3 and 4 are complementary in the protection of persons in the event of disaster. Singapore further notes that the draft Articles in Cluster 4, as well as Cluster 5, are drafted in a manner that respects the sovereignty of the affected States, requiring their consent to external assistance and allowing them to impose conditions on the provision of such assistance.

3 In respect of draft Article 10, paragraph 2, Singapore would like to seek clarification regarding the scope of “control” over relief assistance that the affected State has under this provision. In particular, we would like to understand if such “control” would permit the assisting State to retain a degree of control over its assets and personnel provided as part of assistance.

4 Thank you.

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