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Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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Working Group

Recommendation of the ILC

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Madam Chair,

As we mentioned in our plenary debate, the challenges posed by natural disasters affect all countries, and it is crucial to develop a clear legal framework to ensure the protection of persons in the event of disasters.

As we had the opportunity to discuss in the working group this week, Brazil believes the articles require some adjustments. In particular, it is crucial to strike the right balance between the need to protect affected persons and the fundamental principles of sovereign equality and non-intervention.

The need for amendments notwithstanding, my delegation considers that the draft carefully prepared by the International Law Commission is an appropriate starting point for the development of a legally binding instrument on the topic.

We believe that a convention on the protection of persons in the event of disasters can help fill a gap in international law, including by providing greater coherence among existing instruments.

Brazil stands ready to contribute to this important endeavor and remains committed to the principles of solidarity, cooperation, and respect for human dignity.

We express our support for the conclusion of a convention on the protection of persons in the event of disasters on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission.

I thank you.