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STATEMENT

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Mr Chair,

Even though Disasters are a global challenge requiring a coordinated and comprehensive response and even though no state can deal with disasters entirely on its own at the moment we don't have a global, clear and comprehensive legally binding instrument to regulate disasters.

We believe such an instrument is much needed and we fully support a multilateral convention based on the Draft Articles. While states would be free to decide how to participate in the negotiations, this would be an opportunity for them to shape disaster protection according to their needs, not only for today but also for the future. A convention would be a tangible and valuable tool for states to prevent or reduce the impact of disasters. It would enable meaningful cooperation between states and strengthen solidarity; it would benefit the states and our people.

Thank you.