

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Statement

Before the Sixth Committee

On

Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

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Mr. Chair,

1. The protection of Persons in the event of disasters is a matter of shared international concern, rooted in the principles of solidarity, cooperation, and respect for human dignity. In a world facing increasing natural and human-made disasters, effective international coordination is essential to prevent loss of life, alleviate human suffering, and preserve stability and security.
2. Jordan welcomes the adoption of General Assembly resolution 79/128, which provides a structured and time-bound process toward the development of a legally binding instrument by the end of 2027. This decision reflects the growing consensus that the protection of persons in disasters requires a clear articulation of legal principles, responsibilities, and cooperative mechanisms.
3. Jordan commends the work of the ILC on the draft articles, which provide a balanced basis for negotiation. They affirm three essential pillars: the sovereignty and primary responsibility of affected States, the duty to cooperate and act in solidarity, and the centrality of humanitarian considerations. This balance is crucial: It respects States' sovereignty while ensuring quick and effective international action.

4. Jordan underscores that disaster response must be based on the consent of the affected State and carried out in a manner consistent with international law. At the same time, no State is immune from disasters or capable of addressing their consequences alone. This is why international cooperation including capacity building, risk reduction, and technical support is indispensable.

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5. Jordan looks forward to engaging actively and constructively in the negotiations starting in April 2026 to shape an instrument that is legally precise, operationally effective, and widely supported. Our goal is a framework that strengthens prevention, enhances resilience, and ensures protection for persons and communities when disasters strike.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.