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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau on your elections and on the remarkable manner in which you, Mr. Chairman, are conducting the work of this Committee.

I also wish to thank the Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso of Mozambique, for his presentation of this year's report.

Today I will address three topics: the "Protection of persons in the event of disasters"; the "Protection of the atmosphere"; and, on a more procedural aspect of the Commission's activity, the "Provisional application of treaties."

Mr. Chairman,

The International Law Commission's work on the "**Protection of persons in the event of disasters**" has reached a convergence embodied in the eighth report of the Special Rapporteur, which reviews the comments of States and international organizations, and in the 18 draft articles on the topic approved on June 3, 2016. Today I would like to make an initial assessment of this work and on the way forward for this challenging issue.

In the wake of the unprecedented array of recent natural disasters – including earthquakes

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the strength of its practice and its legal and academic traditions, will continue to contribute to the consolidation of Disaster Law as a specific area of International Law.

Mr. Chairman,

The Italian Delegation has studied with great interest and appreciation the work on the **“Protection of the atmosphere.”**

