

Statement by

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equality and territorial integrity of affected states as well as the principle of non-interference in internal affairs of states;

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State victim to the disaster shall not be _____ we still believe that such a stipulation depends on an evidently subjective criterion, i.e. the free choice of humanitarian actors. Such a determination risks being influenced by political factors.

Fourth, international cooperation can play a crucial role in managing disasters. We believe that the core element in duty to cooperate must be limited to cooperation between states and not between states and international organizations.

Fifth, we believe that some of the provisions contain in the draft Articles, do not correspond with the state practice in this area and we still remain uncertain whether the time is ripe for convening a diplomatic conference and adopting the provisions in the form of a treaty.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.