



## Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

Mr. Chairman,

*My report on the 'Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters' is a*

victims of catastrophes, by giving response to their arising needs in such an event.

advocated. It is also our understanding that the draft articles strike a balance between two sometimes conflicting values: State sovereignty and the protection

of human rights.

Mr. Chairman,

Portugal has stated previously that the result of the work of the Commission should be translated into a legally binding instrument, namely into an

international convention. We consider that moving towards a convention allows