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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is grateful to the International Law Commission for its continued efforts to develop the Draft Articles for the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters. We note the current lack of a universal treaty in the area of disaster law and that prior to the development of the Draft Articles, this fragmented area of law had been encumbered by

response and management of disasters. This is done at the national level, by way of our domestic legal regime, regionally through The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), and internationally, with guidance

Mr. Chairman,

Jamaica is committed to working with its regional partners and the wider international community to further develop and implement measures aimed at mitigating the risk and impact of disasters and facilitating effective and adequate responses in the wake of such events.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, my delegation is in favour of pursuing the development of a formal international arrangement that would address some of the main issues related to natural disasters in a comprehensive manner.