







positive step forward in having a comprehensive discussion on this agenda item.

Mr. Chair,

6. Nigeria has also faced disasters, the most recurring being floods, destructive storms, desertification and drought. Climate disasters are happening at frightening rate in Nigeria. In 2021, over 2.3 million people were affected by floods. In 2022 alone, flooding killed at least 662 people, injured 3, 174 with about 2.5 million displaced and 200,000 houses destroyed. Many small-scale disasters occur in the country each year due to flooding and landslides, but which are not widely reported Yet, their impact is damaging as large disasters, causing deaths, injuries, and loss of livelihoods. To address these challenges, Nigeria established the National Emergency Management Agency (NE MA) in 1999 to manage disasters and coordinate efforts and resources towards efficient and effective disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and response. The Act vested the authority of managing disasters through enabling law and to formulate policy, co-ordinate plans and programmes for efficient and effective response to disasters at national level as well as monitor the state of preparedness.

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collaboration in disaster risk identification, analysis, and mitigation. The stations are also useful for training students in related fields.

8. To further drive and promote the campaign on disaster risk reduction, the National Orientation Agency (NOA) launched a number of awareness campaigns aimed at changing the attitude of Nigerians positively. It signed memoranda of understanding with other agencies like the Ecological Fund Office, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), (NEMA) and others to promote these campaigns. Some of the campaigns include "Avoid Dirt, Be Clean", Campaign on destruction of used and empty cans, National Symbols Awareness campaign, campaign for sustainable dialogue, 'Do The Right Thing' Transform Nigeria campaign, among others. The agency had also hosted a maiden meeting of the Inter - Agency Strategy session on border communities' sensitization on security awareness.

9. In line with Global Standards on Disaster risk reduction,

effective and comprehensive to enable this to be achieved. We support the African Group to condemn unequivocally the use of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) in the event of disasters, this

urge that such humanitarian assistance or aid should not be politicized.

Mr. Chair,

13. Even with divergence in views regarding this issue, my delegation observes, with satisfaction, that there tion observes, ction