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**by Mrs. Tran Thi Phuong Ha, Legal Adviser of Viet Nam Mission
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Agenda item 86: “Protection of persons in the event of disasters”

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Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam, like most Member States, is deeply concerned at the increasing frequency and immense impacts of natural and human-made disasters. Given that many countries lack the necessary capacity to respond effectively to these disasters and address subsequent adversities, international cooperation and support are key tools. Recent devastating natural disasters in regions such as Turkey, Syria, India, Pakistan, Lybia, Philippines, and many other locations around the world have affirmed the urgency of global collaborative efforts to minimize consequences and effectively resolve humanitarian issues. These events have further

create more procedures that might complicate the process. At the same time, the primary responsibility of states to provide disaster relief and protect their citizens should be fully respected.

While recognizing the fundamental value of international solidarity and the pressing need to reinforce international cooperation in disaster relief, it is necessary to ensure that such relief efforts remain aligned with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. This includes the principles of national sovereignty, self-determination, and non-interference in internal affairs.

With that in mind, we welcome further discussion on the draft articles, including an assessment of their compatibility with other international instruments as well as domestic laws in order to ensure consensus on the way forward.

I thank you./.