



PHILIPPINES

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For Cluster 3, the following are our preliminary comments:

In previous debates the Philippines has expressed support for Article 7 on the Duty to Cooperate and on Article 8, on the forms of cooperation in the response to disasters.

Time and again – experience has shown that a disaster can exceed, manifestly or otherwise, the affected State's capacity to respond, as noted in General Assembly Resolution 46/168. An affected state, without adequate resources, can, and will, ask appropriate help from others - other states, the United Nations, international nongovernment organizations, and the private sector. Thus, creating a qualified consent regime for the affected state, to be exercised in good faith, balances the right of sovereignty with the obligation of the sovereign to protect human life and human rights during disasters in a timely manner.

The affected state, on the one hand, and other states, the United Nations, and other potential assisting actors like the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement, on the other, thus

earlier comments of various states on capacity building and technology transfer, there may be value in further elabor

