



**STATEMENT BY MS. JEAN KUA,  
DELEGATE TO THE 79<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON AGENDA ITEM 86, ON THE PROTECTION  
OF PERSONS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS,  
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Mr Chair,

1 Singapore thanks the Secretary-General for his past reports on this agenda item.

2 The protection of persons in the event of disasters is an important issue for the world. Singapore is located within the South-East Asia region, which is frequently affected by natural disasters, such as typhoons, monsoons and tropical storms. Other global events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, are a reminder of how emergencies can happen on a global scale and therefore require global effort to ensure the protection of persons. Singapore reiterates its solidarity with countries affected by such disasters.

3 Singapore continues to follow with interest the discussion on whether to elaborate a convention on the basis of the draft Articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters. We highlight two factors that should underpin our discussions.

4 First, a laudable aspect of the draft Articles is how they reflect the diversity of State practice; this should be preserved regardless of the course of action taken on the draft Articles. We note, as an example, that draft Article 12, paragraph 2 provides that requested entities should expeditiously give due consideration and reply to the affected State. This is aligned with the corresponding article in the

