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Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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Mr. Chair,

Brazil deeply regrets the tragic landslides and floods in Nepal caused by last week's torrential rains, resulting in over 200 deaths and leaving dozens injured and missing.

The Brazilian government offers its condolences to the families of the victims and expresses its solidarity with the people and the government of Nepal.

The challenges posed by natural disasters affect all countries. Hurricanes in the Caribbean, typhoons in Asia, droughts and floods in Africa, and torrential rains in Europe are leaving a trail of death and destruction.

In southern Brazil, we have had the worst flooding since 1979. 2024 is on track to be the hottest year in modern history, and the Amazon is facing its worst drought in 45 years.

In this context, it is crucial to develop a clear legal framework to ensure the protection of persons in the event of disasters. To date, guidance on this matter is primarily found in soft law, occasionally complemented by bilateral and regional instruments.

Brazil believes that the articles on the protection of persons in the





One of the significant consequences of major disasters is mass displacement. Every year, thousands of individuals are forced to move within their own countries or across borders in search of safety and livelihoods. Brazil is proud to be part of international initiatives such as the Platform on Disaster Displacement, which aims to assist states in preventing and preparing for displacement, as well as in responding effectively when people are forced to flee disaster affected areas.

The Platform builds on the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda and calls for enhanced preparedness and cooperation among States, regional organizations, and the international community to prevent, avoid, and respond to disaster-induced displacement. In this regard, Brazil also recalls the significant contribution of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, which provides a comprehensive approach to minimizing the risks and impacts of disasters.

Mr. Chair,

As I said before, the draft articles have the potential to fill a critical gap in the international legal framework, providing greater coherence

among existing instruments and strengthening the protection of individuals during disasters.

Brazil stands ready to contribute to this important endeavor and remains committed to the principles of solidarity, cooperation, and respect for human dignity in all actions taken by the Committee

I thank you.