



regard, Viet Nam welcomes the advisory opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea regarding States' obligations in relation climate change. We also note that similar proceedings currently underway at the International Court of Justice at the request of the UN General Assembly.

Viet Nam greatly values the efforts of the International Law Commission in developing a legal framework to protect people during disasters. The draft Articles can serve as a practical guide for States and other relevant stakeholders involved in disaster relief, enabling them to respond effectively to emergencies. When disasters strike, it is crucial to mobilize global cooperative efforts to mitigate impacts and address humanitarian needs promptly. Therefore, in outlining responsibilities and procedure for protection of people in disaster, these draft Articles should not create un-necessary procedural burdens that could impede this process. We thus welcome further discussions on the draft articles and look forward to providing more detailed input during Working Group meetings.

I thank you./.