

1. Thank you chair.
2. The UK will now comment on draft Articles 7 and 12.

Draft Article 7

3. Starting with draft Article 7, the UK recognises the importance of international cooperation in responding to disasters and that the fundamentals of such cooperation are set out in the Annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182. However, aft Article 7, t

7. The UK also notes that, as set out in our comments last year, this draft Article does not make reference to existing UN mechanisms and institutions, and we would be inclined to include more detailed language in this draft Article, to acknowledge the leadership and coordination role that those institutions have, including in relation to offers of assistance and response to requests.