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CLUSTER V

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Madam Chair,

In the Brazilian perspective, the provisions in cluster 5 are not aimed at codifying existing customary international law. They consist of proposed language on the facilitation of external assistance and may apply only between States parties to a future legally-binding instrument.

My delegation acknowledges the importance of articles 15, 16 and 17 to facilitate external assistance, with a view to protecting persons affected by disasters and preserving their human dignity.

We note that the implementation of article 15 in its present form may require amendments to national legislations regarding visa and entry requirements, work permits, customs duties and customs clearance. The recognition of privileges and immunities to relief personnel could also depend on international agreements.