

Working Group Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters (Cluster 5)

Thank you Mr Chair,

On **Cluster 5**, the European Union and its Member States would have the following observations.

- The practical significance of **draft Article 15** cannot be overstated in that it will help overcome obstacles in the delivery of disaster relief in a timely fashion. Although it refers in a non-exhaustive fashion to the areas where facilitation measures shall be adopted, adding to these and providing further details would increase the usefulness of the draft article by offering further guidance.

We would like to highlight the **applicability of the humanitarian principles** to the facilitation of disaster relief. It is of relevance to recall here

