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11. As for the protection of relief personnel and their equipment and goods, our delegation is supportive of the inclusion of a dedicated article, as is the case with draft article 18. The protection of relief personnel and their equipment and goods is an important issue. As evident from the survey of sources undertaken by the Special Rapporteur, it is provided for in many universal and regional treaties, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response of 2005.

12. Mr. Chairman, my delegation looks forward to hearing the comments and observations of others, on this and other topics before the Commission, including the new topics which have been included in the Commission's programme of work.

13. Thank