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**TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE**  
"PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN EVENT OF DISASTERS"

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Mr. Chairman,

The Sovereign Order of Malta, one of the oldest institutions in the world, is active in 120 countries caring for people in need through its medical, social and humanitarian works. Day-to-Day, its broad spectrum of social projects provides a constant support for forgotten or excluded members of society. It is especially involved in helping people living in the midst of armed conflicts and natural disasters by providing medical assistance, caring for refugees, and distributing medicines and basic equipment for survival. As it pertains to disaster relief, the Order focuses upon providing Disaster Risk Reduction by implementing measures to ensure communities are prepared when disasters occur.

Recent emergency interventions have taken place in Indonesia where an emergency response team from the

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