

6^e commission

Point

Protection des personnes en cas de catastrophe

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Déclaration de la Suisse

Monsieur le Président,

aux situations de conflit armé. Par leur application et leur transposition dans des traités régionaux et des législations nationales notamment, ceux-ci ont le potentiel de devenir du droit coutumier contraignant.

Je vous remercie.

Unofficial Translation

Mr. Chairman,

Switzerland believes that the Articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters are an important step to facilitate international cooperation in disaster.

Next to reflecting existing rights and obligations, they include innovative provisions, such as those mentioning the importance of upholding humanitarian principles and considering the needs of the most vulnerable when responding to disasters. Similarly, Switzerland agrees to consider human dignity as the guiding principle for any action to be taken in relation to disaster risk reduction and response.

Nevertheless, Switzerland notes that the relevant norms need to be more precise and detailed to ensure that they can be smoothly applied.

As previously noted, Switzerland has particular concerns concerning the ambiguity related to the interplay between International Humanitarian Law and the Articles. The Special Rapporteur has made amendments in the attempt to clarify this issue. However, armed conflicts remain within the scope of application of the articles.
