

**Statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) under
Agenda Item 87 Protection of Persons in Event of Disasters**

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1. Chair, I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Alliance of the Small Island States. As it is our first time speaking on this agenda item, we recognize the long and thoughtful consideration of this agenda item by the Committee. As a group, we do not have a position on whether to develop a convention based on the draft articles. However, please allow us to make a few comments on the linkage between these articles and provisions in international law.

3. In relation to the draft articles, it is clear that there is an existing and developing body of law concerning the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow-onset events. We are concerned about WKH GUDIW DUWLFOHV¶ U *gratia*/voluntary offers of external assistance offers of external assistance.