

Statement of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
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On the item
"Protection of persons in the event of disasters"

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Madam Chair,

And while the affected State has the primary role in relief assistance, direction, control and supervision, that state is as well under the duty to ensure the protection of persons and provision of disaster relief assistance. The affected State is also under obligation to seek external assistance if it is unable to provide relief response. Such obligations, duties, and rights act in tandem. This ensures that the provision of protection in the event of disasters achieves its humanitarian purposes without infringing of the affected states legitimate legal interests.

While the draft articles mention in the preamble the principle of solidarity, it is unfortunate that the articles did not reflect this principle in the form of specific obligations on States that are able to provide relief assistance. In any case, the duty of cooperation under draft article 7 should be read in an expansive manner to develop such an obligation on such States.

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