



PERMANENT MISSION
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Our delegation appreciates the opportunity for us to take the floor. The Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters is a topic of paramount importance for Tonga, having lived under the existential threat of climate change due to increased intensity and severity of hurricanes, day in, day out; rapid rise in sea level due to melting sea ice; and recently more frequent earthquakes recorded, due to increased volcanic activities in Tonga and surrounding areas.

Mr. Chairman,



congratulations to Your Excellency and the Bureau of Election and assure you of our



We convey our heartfelt condolences to the governments and peoples of Morocco and Libya, especially the families of the victims, for the tragic loss of lives in the recent natural disasters that occurred in their respective countries.

Mr. Chairman,

Tonga was once ranked the second most at risk in the world to natural disasters, and right so, as Scientists around the world were left oblivious to an unprecedented disaster occurred on the 15 January 2022, when an underwater volcano in Tonga erupted.



unprecedented height in fact almost as high as the Statue of Liberty. 15 Jan to 8BT /

