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Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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Madam Chair,

As we have expressed in the Working Group last year, Brazil considers that draft A

dignity of the human person is identified with the ultimate aim itself of Law, of the legal order, both national and international .

In situations of disaster, we must always be guided by the humanitarian imperative, which means addressing the basic needs of those affected.

In this context, Brazil also welcomes draft Article 5, which reaffirms the importance of respecting and protecting the human rights of persons affected by disasters. In our discussions within the Working Group, we must never lose sight of the human rights perspective.

Madam Chair,

We note with satisfaction the reference to the principles of humanity, neutrality, and impartiality in draft Article 6.

The principle of humanity drives us to address any manifestation of human suffering, especially in relation to the most vulnerable. Neutrality fosters the trust that humanitarian providers need to operate effectively in disaster situations, without taking sides in hostilities or engaging in political, racial, religious or ideological controversies. Impartiality is crucial to ensuring that humanitarian assistance is

