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Madam Chair,

Turning to cluster 4, Brazil recognizes the primary role of the affected State in the protection of persons in the event of disasters and in the direction, control, coordination and supervision of relief assistance in its own territory.

In this context, draft article 10 must be considered in accordance with the principle of sovereignty.

As we observed in the Working Group last yeaaftdarticle 11 needs further consideration, especially in light of the scope "ratione materiae" and "ratione personae" of the articles.

emphasis on the obligation to cooperate, while ensuring that the affected State retains its sovereign discretionidentify whether a disaster exceeds its national response capacity.

MadamChair,

Brazil welcomes article 13, paragraph 1, as we believe that external assistance can only be provided with the consent of the affected State.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/182, humanitarian assistance should be provided with the consent "and in principle on the basis of an appeal by the affected country".

At least one delegation has argued that the consent of the affected State would not be required for providing exterassistance. We

I thank you