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Statement

**by Mrs. Quyen Thi Hong Nguyen, Legal Adviser,
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Madam Chair,

Viet Nam, like most Member States, are deeply concerned at the increasing frequency and immense impacts of natural and human-made disasters that resulted in massive loss of life and property and displacement of people. In societies lacking the adequate capacity to effectively respond to the disasters and address its adverse impacts and consequences, international cooperation and assistance can play a crucial role.

My Delegation attaches great importance to protection of persons in the event of disasters. We stress the primary responsibility of States to provide disaster relief assistance and protect their people in the event of disasters. At the same time, we acknowledge the fundamental values of international solidarity and the need for strengthening international cooperation in disaster relief in accordance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. The draft articles should assist States and other actors engaged in disaster relief in promptly responding to the fast evolving circumstances of disasters and emergencies, rather than creating more procedures and protocols that might complicate the process.

We recall our appreciation for the International Law Commission for its efforts and the priority given to elaborating the legal framework on the protection of persons, especially in the context of increasing global challenges such as pandemics, climate change. The draft articles constitute an important contribution in the field of international law governing disaster relief. We welcome further discussion on the draft articles.

I thank you./.