



**STATEMENT OF
THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE WORKING GROUP OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN
THE EVENT OF DISASTER
CLUSTER 1 – PREAMBLE, DRAFT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3 AND 18**

Thursday, 5 October 2023

1. Allow me to begin by congratulating Ambassador Antonio Lagdameo and you, Ambassador Ariel Peneranda, to Chair this Working Group. Please rest assure of my delegation's utmost cooperation to support your endeavours to carry out this noble task.
2. My Delegation also wishes to appreciate all members of the ILC, including the Special Rapporteur for this topic, for their work in formulating the Draft Articles.
3. My sincere appreciation also goes to all panellists who have provided us with the context and information as well as data about the current state of disaster response globally, both on what is needed and what is the suggested course of action.
4. I really wish that the presentations of the panellists could be made available for all delegations and be distributed through the secretariat for our perusal in deliberating this issue.
5. As my Delegation have expressed in our national statement yesterday, our deliberation on the Draft Articles will reflect the international legal community's efforts to systematically address the protection of persons affected by disasters and provides a clear normative framework to ensure that affected individuals receive the necessary assistance, consistent with their dignity and basic needs.

6. On the Draft Article, my delegation sincerely wish that the Draft Article could at the end get the broadest possible consensus and therefore, we need to exchange our views and exhaust our deliberations until it reached a level that is comfortable and acceptable by all of us to move forward.
7. At current stage in this Session, the Working Group is expected to facilitate States to obtain explanation, analysis and clarifications needed to help provide deeper understanding on the substantive elements in each of the Draft Articles.
8. Now, let me start with the emphasis that our effort is to focus on putting people at the heart of this Draft Article.
9. The objective is to ease human suffering in the event of disasters, to save their lives, to ensure their well-being, and to provide sustenance for their basic needs to survive and to recover, in order to preserve humanity in the event of disasters, and to maintain peace, stability, and socio-economic development.
10. In doing so, we need to remind ourselves to always uphold and respect the main tenets of international law, which also stipulated in the UN Charter, namely the principles of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.
11. In times of disaster, States should have **the primary rights** to determine whether to provide, seek, or receive assistance; and to determine and to prescribe the necessary measures to prevent and reduce disaster risk including through international, regional, sub regional, transboundary and bilateral cooperation, in accordance with their capacity and capability assessments to cope with the calamity.
12. Therefore, at this initial stage, Indonesia is open and flexible to support the five preambular paragraphs, and will listen and observe the views expressed by other delegations as well as the points of discussions at this working group on Draft Articles 1, 2, 3 and 18.
13. Especially on how these draft articles correlates with other Draft Articles which will be deliberated in the next clusters ahead.
14. Also, how the Draft Articles correlates with the existing international legal framework.
15. I thank you.