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**INTERVENTION BY MR SCOTT TAN,  
DELEGATE TO THE 78TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR CLUSTER 4 DEBATE, WORKING GROUP  
ON PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS,  
SIXTH COMMITTEE,  
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Mr Chair,

1 Thank you for giving me the floor.

2 We note that the draft Articles in Cluster 4 are drafted in a manner that respects the sovereignty of the affected States by stipulating that the provision of external assistance requires the consent of the affected State and allowing affected States to impose conditions on the provision of such external assistance.

3 Singapore would note that the scope of “control” over relief assistance that the affected State has under Article 10(2) is unclear. In particular, it is not clear if the assisting State would still retain a degree of control over the assets and personnel that it provides. In this regard, we note that the equivalent provision in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response refers to the “overall control” of the affected State (Art 3(2)) rather than control *simpliciter*.

3 Thank you.

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