

**Intervention by Thailand at the Working Group on Protection of
Persons in the Event of Disasters
at the Sixth Committee
of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**

Recommendation of the International Law Commission

New York, 9 October 2024

Mr. Chair,

1. The position of my delegation on this topic is well-known. Thailand **fully supports the elaboration of a convention on the protection of persons in the event of disasters, and we believe that the ILC draft articles could be a good starting point.** Allow me to provide briefly our rationale in support of such a convention:
2. First, as a disaster-prone country, having a convention that would strengthen our capacity in preparing, responding and recovering from a future disaster is imperative.
3. Second, looking from a legal perspective, today's landscape of international disaster law is fragmented. To bring coherence to this body of law, the legal framework needs to be systematized, harmonised and strengthened, and who are in a better position to do so if not States through negotiations and through a conclusion of a legally binding instrument.
4. Third, on the question of **the basis for elaborating such a convention**, the ILC draft articles have all the elements that a future convention on this same topic should have. The text is not perfect, as we have indicated so in our interventions and we have heard similar comments echoing in this room. The ILC draft articles may not be perfect but the text, together with language proposals, views

and comments echoing in this room, these components together merit becoming the basis of our future negotiations.

5. If, like us, you are a disaster-prone country, if your delegations see merit in creating a convention to cushion effects of disasters, we hope you could join us in strengthening this body of international law through negotiations for a future convention so that together we could move from being a disaster-prone to a disaster-resilient community.
6. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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