

## Statement

reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected by disasters.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Chairperson,

As mentioned in Article 9 of the draft articles, it is necessary to take proactive measures to reduce the risk of disasters and minimize their damages. Japan supports the principle of broader and more people-centred prevention and risk reduction as described in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, which was adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. Japan has also promoted international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction on the Sendai Cooperation Initiative for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Turning to the draft articles, Japan believes they should be

distancing be maintained in evacuation centers? Natural disasters will not