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Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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4 October 2023 United Nations, New York Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Israel continues to welcome and support the efforts of the General Assembly to protect persons affected by disasters. Israel remains at the forefront of numerous relief missions around the world, demonstrating its commitment to mutual assistance and cooperation during times of crisis.

As Israel has learned first-hand, regional and international cooperation during times of disaster deepens ties between nations and peoples. Large-scale disasters such as droughts, floods, and heatwaves are increasingly frequent and intense, a trend that is not expected to diminish in the near future.

Cooperation and assistance at all levels are vital to saving lives and protecting property. While Israel remains committed to improving the protection of persons affected by disasters, it reiterates its view expressed in previous sessions of this committee, that engagement in disaster relief should not be framed in terms of legal

undertaken on a vol	luntary rather than	binding basis.	This approach	would provide

Mr. Chair,