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Thank you, Mr. President

First, allow me to convey our congratulations to you and the other members of the Bureau on your election and to assure you of my country's full support in the performance of your important functions.

For its part, Croatia aligns itself with the intervention delivered by the EU and its Member states, as well as with the statement delivered by Colombia on behalf of the group of States.

Mr. President,

Croatia commends the work of International Law Commission undertaken to develop the Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters, as well as the accompanying commentaries.

human-made disasters, and their short-term and long-term damaging impact, as stressed in the calls for action to create a universal legal framework. Our view is that the existing body of numerous bilateral, regional and some multilateral agreements in this field is still fragmented and, in some elements, even contradictory. For that reason, we find that the existing legal framework is not sufficient to facilitate international cooperation in every case of disaster. We are confident that the universal legal framework would not only fill the *lacuna* in international



