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PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS 4

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1. The UK will now comment on draft Articles 10, 11, 13 and 14 in turn.

### **Draft Article 10 – Role of the affected State**

2. The UK agrees with the two key principles set out in draft Article 10: that the affected State is at the centre of disaster response; and that the State should protect people in the event of a disaster.
3. Paragraph 2 of this draft Article provides that the State has the primary role in the “ of relief assistance. UN General Assembly resolution 46/182 which sets out the guiding principles of humanitarian assistance, affirms that the role of the State is “ . We query whether the use of ‘control’ and ‘supervision’ in this draft Article is appropriate, as it is a departure from resolution 46/182 and subsequent relevant resolutions and may be difficult to implement during a disaster where there is a large number of assisting actors operating.
4. Particularly noting the role of the State in respect of relief assistance as currently set out in paragraph 2, we would query the absence of provisions in the draft Articles to address the accountability of States for relief assistance received. In line with standard good practice relating to relief assistance States should have systems to identify and address corruption, fraud and aid diversion. We also note the importance of accurate assess (l)-0.6.006 Tw 3 (e )0.6 (s)115.70.0000

