

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 86 "PROTECTION OF PERSONS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS"

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Thank you C43.5

We wish to make

additional remarks in our national capacity.

- 2. The International community has always stepped in when need arose to respond to disasters as best as we could. Some of these efforts have been very efficient and commendable. For others, the need for better coordination and collaboration was apparent.
- 3. In this regard, the need for a practical yet solid framework within which international responses to disasters are conducted is plausible. At the heart of such a framework should be ensuring rapid response characterized by seamless coordination and collaboration among the relevant actors involved in especially the protection of persons in the event of disasters.

4. We commend the International Law Commission for developing the draft articles which provide a good anchorage for this discussion. In our view, the discussion should, however, not lose sight of already existing rules to avoid ambiguity or collision in the general framework we are aiming at. This consideration would be instrumental in clarifying the rights and responsibilities