

Statement by H. E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, at 78th session of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly under Agenda Item No. 86:

Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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Mr. Chair,

The world is grappling with multiple forms of disasters in frequency and scale. Every year, both natural and human-induced disasters devastate the life, livelihoods, and property of millions of people across the world.

Climate catastrophe is further igniting such disasters.

It ruins all our hard-won developmental gains in a few minutes and hits the poorest first and the worst.

Disaster-prone developing States, especially the LDCs and SIDS, are more vulnerable

threatens to reverse the graduation of LDCs.

The increased frequency of climate-