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Agenda item 87

**Protection of persons in the event of disasters**

## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 2021**

[*on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/76/495, para. 7)*]

### **76/119. Protection of persons in the event of disasters**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 71/141 of 13 December 2016 and 73/209 of 20 December 2018, in which it took note of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters adopted by the International Law Commission at its sixty-eighth session,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* that the Commission decided to recommend to the General Assembly the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting with concern* the increasing number of disasters in the world, as well as their intensity and impact on affected populations,

*Emphasizing* the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting* that the subject of the protection of persons in the event of disasters is of major importance in the relations of States,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law;

2. *Takes note once again* of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters presented by the Commission;

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/71/10),* para. 48.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 46.



3. *Takes note* of the views and comments expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee on this topic,<sup>3</sup> as well as the comments and observations received from Governments on the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters and on any future action thereon;<sup>4</sup>

4. *Decides* to examine the draft articles and to consider further the recommendation of the Commission for the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles, or any other potential course of action with respect to the draft articles, also in the light of the views and comments expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee, as well as the comments and observations received from Governments, within the framework of a working group of the Committee, to be convened for four full consecutive days at the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Assembly;

5. *Also decides* that the working group will report to the Sixth Committee at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly on the outcome of its deliberations, with a view to the Committee making a recommendation to the Assembly as to any further action to take in respect of the draft articles;

6. *Encourages* all Member States to continue the substantive dialogue on an informal basis during the period prior to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled “Protection of persons in the event of disasters”.

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9 December 2021*

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<sup>3</sup> See A/C.6/71/SR.20, A/C.6/71/SR.21, A/C.6/71/SR.22, A/C.6/71/SR.23, A/C.6/71/SR.24, A/C.6/71/SR.30, A/C.6/73/SR.31, A/C.6/75/SR.17, A/C.6/75/SR.18, A/C.6/75/SR.19, A/C.6/76/SR.12 and A/C.6/76/SR.13.

<sup>4</sup> See A/73/229 and A/75/214.