

**COLOMBIA –
DRAFTING PROPOSALS**

Article 2

Purpose

The purpose of the present draft articles is to facilitate the adequate and effective response to disasters, and reduction of the risk of disasters, so as to meet the essential needs of the persons ~~concerned~~ **affected**, with full respect for their rights.

RATIONALE

*Colombia is of the view that the draft articles should focus on meeting the essential needs of the persons **affected** by a disasters. We therefore suggest these amendment.*

Article 19

Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

1. States Parties shall, in accordance with their capabilities, provide to developing States Parties the widest measure of technical assistance and capacity-building, including training, the mutual exchange of relevant experience and specialized knowledge, and the transfer of technology; taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of developing States Parties, with a view to facilitating the adequate and effective response to disasters, and the reduction of the risk of disasters, so as to meet the essential needs of the persons concerned, with full respect for their human rights.

2. In order to achieve this obligation, States Parties shall:

(a) Assist Parties, in particular developing States Parties, across prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phases;

(b) Enable inclusive, equitable and effective cooperation and participation in disaster risk reduction, emergency management and humanitarian assistance;

(c) Develop scientific, technical, operational and institutional capacities, including through access to and transfer of appropriate technologies, data, tools and know-how relevant to multi-hazard early warning, impact assessment, emergency communications, logistics, health response, protection of vulnerable groups and post-disaster recovery;

(d) Increase, disseminate and share knowledge, including lessons learned, best practices and interoperable data standards, to strengthen resilience and reduce disaster risk.

3. Capacity building and technology transfer activities areas may include, but are not limited to: data and information sharing, awareness-raising and education, infrastructure and equipment, institutional strengthening, human resources and technical expertise, guidelines and standards, research, development and innovation, and monitoring, control and surveillance for continuous improvement.

4. Capacity-building and technology transfer shall be country-driven, needs-based, transparent, results-oriented, gender-responsive, and accessible to persons in vulnerable situations. Full recognition shall be given to the special requirements of least developed countries, landlocked countries, small island developing States, geographically disadvantaged States and disaster prone regions.

5. All cooperation activities shall respect data protection, privacy, cybersecurity and confidentiality, consistent with international human rights law, and include safeguards for sensitive personal and operational information generated during disasters.

Article 20

Cooperation modalities for capacity building and technical assistance

1. Parties shall cooperate directly or through relevant international, regional, subregional and national mechanisms—including United Nations entities, the Red Cross/Red Crescent components and competent organizations—to provide capacity-building and facilitate the development and transfer of appropriate technologies for disaster management.

2. Cooperation may involve public authorities, academia, scientific institutions, the private sector, civil society, and, where appropriate, other relevant stakeholders.

3. Technology transfer shall occur on fair and most favourable terms, including concessional and preferential terms.

4. States Parties shall promote enabling economic and legal conditions, including incentives to enterprises and institutions, for the transfer and co-development of disaster-related technologies.

Article 21

Implementation Assistance and Cooperation with Other Instruments

States Parties shall promote coherence and coordination with relevant instruments, frameworks and bodies addressing humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and emergency telecommunications.

RATIONALE

Colombia is of the view that the draft articles are missing a section on building the capacity of Parties, in particular developing States Parties, in preventing, preparing for, or responding to a disaster. We therefore added a series of articles to address capacity building and transfer of technology in this context.