



**THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note Reference: LA/COD/57 dated 21 January 2025 regarding the Draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles is pleased to provide below the proposed amendments of the Government of Seychelles on the Draft articles:

- *Article 3: Use of Terms*

a) It is proposed that the UN Agencies adopt a standard definition for "disaster" - in view that this article's definition differs from that of UNDRR.

e) It is suggested that "monetary/financial assistance" is also included in the means of external assistance, or at minimum include reference to "other forms of support" which could encompass monetary/financial assistance.

- *Article 8: Forms of cooperation in the response to disasters*

It is suggested that "monetary/financial assistance" or "other forms of support" is once again reflected in this Article as per the above.

- *Article 13: Consent of the affected State to external assistance*

It is suggested that a definition is provided for the word "arbitrarily" under Article 3.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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