

Tunisia contributions

Regarding the draft articles on

The protection of persons in the event of disaster

Principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, which entails the necessity of duly considering the differences in capacities among states and recognizing the specific needs of developing countries, especially African and Mediterranean states, which are among the most vulnerable to natural and technological risks as well as the impacts of climate change.

Ensuring effective international support, through the call for establishing a permanent and transparent international financing mechanism that enables developing countries to strengthen their national capacities in the areas of disaster prevention, preparedness, and response, while also putting in place practical arrangements for technology transfer, technical assistance, training, and the development of early warning systems.

Respect for the principle of national sovereignty, which stipulates that any international intervention or assistance should only be provided in full respect of national decision-making independence, upon the explicit request of the concerned state, and in coordination with its competent authorities.

Adoption of a comprehensive human rights-based approach, focused on protecting vulnerable and affected groups, including children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, and affirming the right to humanitarian assistance and protection in accordance with the principles of neutrality, non-discrimination, and human dignity.

Principle of progressive implementation and proportionality of obligations to states' capacities, emphasizing that the implementation of the convention's provisions should be gradual and tailored to the available resources and capacities of each state, while avoiding imposing excessive financial or administrative burdens on developing countries, and ensuring that legal obligations are accompanied by effective and targeted support mechanisms that contribute to the effective and practical implementation of the convention.