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Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 7, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly welcomes the 2016 Draft Articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters prepared by the International Law Commission and approved by the UN General Assembly. It underlines the relevance of their content, including the duty of States to cooperate with each other and with international organisations and the duty to reduce the risk of disasters, conduct risk assessments, collect and disseminate relevant information, install and operate early warning systems, as well as the duty of affected States to ensure provision of disaster relief assistance and to seek external assistance. The Assembly supports the framing of these principles as legal duties of States as well as the call of the General Assembly for the conclusion of a binding international treaty on the topic."

Explanatory note

It is important to highlight the contribution of the International Law Commission to elaborating the duties of states in relation to preventing and dealing with natural disasters. The Council of Europe could promote their content as well as contributing to their transformation into a binding instrument.

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