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Article 10

Duty of the affected State to seek assistance

To the extent that a disaster exceeds its national response capacity, the affected State has the duty to seek assistance from among other States, the United Nations, other competent intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, as appropriate.

Article 11

Consent of the affected State to external assistance

- 1. The provision of external assistance requires the consent of the affected State.
- 2. Consent to external assistance shall not be withheld arbitrarily.
- 3. When an offer of assistance is extended in accordance with the present draft articles, the affected State shall, whenever possible, make its decision regarding the offer known.

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