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Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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Article 6

Humanitarian principles in disaster response

Response to disasters shall take place in accordance with the principles of humanity, neutrality and impartiality, and on the basis of non-discrimination, while taking into account the needs of the particularly vulnerable.

Article 7

Human dignity

In responding to disasters, States, competent intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations shall respect and protect the inherent dignity of the human person.

Article 8

Human rights

Persons affected by disasters are entitled to respect for their human rights.

Article 9

Role of the affected State

1. The affected State, by virtue of its sovereignty, has the duty to ensure the protection of persons and provision of disaster relief and assistance on its territory.
2. The affected State has the primary role in the direction, control, coordination and supervision of such relief and assistance.