

**PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA
GENEVA**

19th Session of the Human Rights Council

**Agenda Item 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political,
economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

Resolution on Adequate Housing in the context of Disaster Settings

EXPLANATION OF POSITION BY INDIA

Madam President,

We have taken note of the draft resolution on Adequate Housing in the context of disaster settings and have the following comments to make:

We identify with the thrust of the resolution but believe that the context needs to be framed a bit differently. We believe that in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster, the foremost priority of the national government, in collaboration with international partners, as appropriate, is to ensure safety of its people, and provide adequate healthcare, food, clothing and temporary housing. The resolution as framed is probably more appropriate for the post-disaster reconstruction phase. Additionally, given the nature of the resolution, we believe that this issue is best addressed under the rubric of humanitarian affairs, within the institutional framework of the humanitarian organizations such as ISDR or OCHA. Therefore, while being conceptually sympathetic to the issues contained in the resolution, India would not be in a position to associate itself with the resolution.

Thank you, Madam President.
