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I would also like to underline the exclusive right of affected States to request external assistance in the time of disaster and to announce its termination. Furthermore, principles governing humanitarian assistance must be observed in parallel with the principles of respect for sovereign equality and the territorial integrity of affected states as well as the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states. In this context, the formulation of draft article 13, paragraph (2) which states, "The right of affected States to request external assistance in the time of disaster and to announce its termination shall not be subject to any conditions, such as the exhaustion of local resources, the consent of the State of origin of the disaster, or the consent of the State of destination of the assistance, and shall not be subject to any influence by political factors. Therefore, there should be no room for any