This year has already seen a number of devastating earthquakes costing thousands of lives. However, it has also seen enormous earthquakes causing much less impact. One major reason for the difference: seismic building codes. More details.

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At a special session of the IPU General Assembly, held in Bangkok from 27 March to the 1st of April, lawmakers from twenty countries discussed the need for strengthening domestic laws on international disaster relief. More details.

Expert team recommends disaster law reform in the Comoros

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