



**STATEMENT BY TURKEY AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to address one topic under chapter VI “Protection of the Atmosphere” contained in Cluster II of the Report of the International Law Commission.

Chapter VI

(Protection of the Atmosphere)

My delegation would like to start by thanking the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Shinya Murase, for his fourth report on the topic.

The need to protect the atmosphere from specific substances and from pollution has long been a topic of discussion in the context of international regulation. There are also several legal regulations in place for the protection of the atmosphere. In this regard, my delegation is of the view that while the guidelines the Commission is developing, might bring added value to the topic at hand, it should nevertheless acknowledge the work already concluded, including existing treaties and avoid imposing additional obligations on State. Rather it should focus on better streamlining the existing legal framework.

In this regard we have noted Guideline 4 dealing with environmental impact assessment. It obliges States to ensure that an environmental impact assessment is undertaken of proposed activities under their jurisdiction or control which are likely to cause significant adverse impact on the atmosphere in terms of atmospheric pollution and atmospheric degradation. We are of the view that the guideline must be treated with caution and requires further consideration.

Thank you.