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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, please allow me to express my congratulations to you and to the other members of the Bureau
on

"International cooperation", as corroborated in its commentary, appropriately reflects and adjust this key general principle of international law to the protection of the atmosphere. To that end, Italy fully subscribes to the language contained in paragraph 2 of Guideline 5 including the enhancement of scientific knowledge in the field within the scope of international cooperation.
We look forward to the discussion on this topic in the coming year.

Mr. Chairman,
Allow me briefly to comment on Chapter VII regarding the topic "Crimes against humanity"; my delegation would like, first of all, to congratulate the special rapporteur, Mr. Sean Murphy, for his outstanding first report, which has been duly reflected in the quality of the report of the Commission.
Italy is convinced of the potential benefits of developing a convention on crimes against humanity promoting the prevention, criminalisation and cooperation among states. The positive attitude of the Italian delegation is based on the premises of the approach proposed and pursued by the Commission at the present stage of its work.
Italy favours the decision to confine, for the time being, the scope of the draft articles to crimes against humanity. Most importantly, my delegation wishes to express its satisfaction for the approach clearly undertaken by the Commission to the effect that the draft articles are

tradition, and we consider that this work could be further strengthened including through increased and improved informal interaction with the Sixth Committee, something which has already happened in the past and which we will further encourage.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

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