The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations

Statement by Iceland on behalf of the Nordic Countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) International Law Commission, cluster 2

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she is not extradited or surrendered. Depending on the circumstances this may require resorting to a jurisdictional base other than just "territorial" or "active personality jurisdiction".

In addition, we note that draft article 6 does not exclude the exercise of even wider

large-scale modification of the atmosphere. The Paris Agreement will soon enter into force, and we see that there may be a nexus between this provision and measures that States should put in place to mitigate climate change. We therefore welcome further discussion on this Guideline at the next session of the ILC.

Mr Chairman,

The need to protect the atmosphere from specific substances and from pollution from point sources has long been a topic of discussion in the context of international regulation. However, this is the first time that a general framework for the protection of the atmosphere from pollution and degradation is proposed. The Nordic countries are hopeful that the guidelines the Commission is developing will bring added value to the environmental law regime, acknowledging work already concluded as well as existing treaties, while at the same time neither interfering with or duplicating relevant political negotiations.

Mr Chairman,