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Protection of the atmosphere

1 Ireland wishes to begin by aligning itself with the statement delivered by the European

6. Ireland also notes the Special Rapporteur's comments (at paragraph 134 of the ILC Report) that the draft articles contain elements of both codification and progressive development. Ireland, however, believes it is unclear from the Special Rapporteur's Report, the report of

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to determine the scope of existing international law (*lex lata*) or the extent to which