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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau on your elections and on the remarkable manner in which you, Mr. Chairman, are conducting the work of this Committee.

I also wish to thank the Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Georg Nolte of Germany, for his presentation of this year's report.

To the ILC will be added the following: "Crimes against humanity" "D..."

the atmosphere"; and, "Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction."

Mr. Chairman,

Italy wishes to congratulate the ILC and, in particular, the Special Rapporteur Sean Murphy for the progress made on the topic "crimes against humanity" and for the results achieved. The Third Report submitted to the Commission by the Special Rapporteur is a remarkable document, where doctrine and State practice are examined in a comprehensive and insightful manner. The Commission had a thorough discussion on the topic, which is reflected in the proposed draft articles

various parts of the draft articles (for example in draft article 2 on the definition of

Mr Chairman,

I will now turn to the topic of the "Destruction of the Atmosphere" First of all

Italy wishes to congratulate the Special Rapporteur Shinya Murase for his Fourth Report. My delegation also welcomes the Special Rapporteur's initiative to organize a meeting with scientific experts prior to the Plenary of the Commission next year. In acknowledging the utmost importance of scientific knowledge for the purposes of



ferenda prospect. Italy regards the elements of State practice referred to in her Fifth Report as insufficient to establish the existence of the exception in question to the

~~customary rule of immunity of State officials against torture. Furthermore, it may~~