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Mr. Chairman,

VI and VII of the ILC Report, i.e. the topics Protection of the atmosphere and Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction. We would like once again thank the Chairman of the International Law Commission for the introduction of the relevant chapters of the report to the Sixth Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

The way how the ILC deals with the topic **Protection of the atmosphere** continues to raise still some concerns. During previous sessions we have repeatedly expressed particular doubts with regard to this topic and we will not make any exception this year. Despite that we would like to express our appreciation to the Special Rapporteur Murase for his tireless effort in moving forward with the topic that he has demonstrated also in the preparation of his fourth report. However, the consideration of the topic during the current session of the ILC has proven once again our conviction that the topic is not developing in the right direction.

To avoid any misunderstandings, we would like to state clearly that Slovakia is a firm supporter of all international efforts to combat climate change and global warming and recognizing existing serious risks and challenges for humankind connected with climate change. We recognize also that atmospheric pollution and atmospheric degradation primarily contribute to the climate change. However, we are convinced that is not up to the ILC to address many policy issues that inflict broad range of socio-economic, development and scientific questions obviously falling outside the primary mandate of the Commission. Our concerns are based purely on legal considerations and in our view this is the only right approach. Legal approach shall be also for the Commission the most important, when faced with suggestions on the issue of developing or defining rules pertaining to the protection of the atmosphere.

As part of a general comment, I would like to point out that the present

current treaty regimes legal rules or legal principles not already contained therein.

developing new legal norms and rules in general. Every legislator's objective is to develop new rules in a harmonious manner. It is a basic concept of law. This is a particular demonstration of an existing problem in draft guidelines as currently drafted, namely an artificial endeavor

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