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Mr Chairman,

1. On the topic of **protection of the atmosphere**, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland notes the Fourth Report of the Special Rapporteur, Mr Shinya Murase, and is grateful to the Commission for its consideration of this topic.

2. The United Kingdom recalls its earlier observations about the necessity of the Commission's work on this topic, noting that existing international obligations concerning protection of the environment generally cover many issues associated with the protection of the atmosphere. In this respect, we recall the Secretariat's Topic

specific topics, to the exclusion of others, implies the existence a  
special relationship between the topics cited and the protection of the

atmosphere. This is unhelpful, and while we note that this ambiguity  
goes to the heart of our concerns about this project as a whole, one

And conclude on this topic, Mr Chairman, the United Kingdom wishes

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to stress its support for the need to protect the atmosphere and

which 7 was obtained only on the basis of a recorded vote of the

performance of the functions of State officials on behalf of their respective States.

17. According to the United Kingdom, does it have any reservations regarding the

draft articles which it considers to reflect existing international law (*lex lata*) and those which it does not, whether on the basis of representing the progressive development of international law, or whether amounting to proposals for "new law"?

18. Indeed, if the underlying aim of producing these draft articles is to provide a set of guidelines for use in domestic courts, States, as well