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Mr. Chairperson

Our intervention today is limited to Chapter VI “Protection of the Atmosphere.” The atmosphere is the largest single natural resource and listed as such in the 1972 Stockholm Declaration and the 1982 World Charter for Nature. This is a topic that presents issues and complexities of both

pleased to note that the topic is moving forward in the right direction to its second reading and

Let me enumerate some of our immediate concerns with regard to the present preambular paragraphs and guidelines.

First, the fourth preambular paragraph, reads:

“Recognizing therefore that the protection of the atmosphere from atmospheric pollution and atmospheric degradation is a pressing matter of international concern”

The Paris Agreement of 2015 considerably enhanced the efforts of the ILC in elaborating a comprehensive set of guidelines with regard to the challenges faced in the protection of the

12 years and fall to zero by 2050. Both marks would require deep emissions cuts in every sector on an unprecedented scale, according to the Report