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Thank you, Madam Chairperson,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the African Group. We wish to make the following additional remarks in a national capacity.

of work done by the Commission on the various items as presented in the current report which

Turning now to the substantive matters, we commend the Commission for concluding work upon second reading on the topic "Protection of the Atmosphere". We thank the members of the Commission for the draft guidelines

We are cognizant that the atmosphere is the earth's largest single natural resource and is one of the most important contributors towards the sustaining of all forms of life on Earth. We concur with the notion that atmospheric degradation has a profound and long-term negative impact on the sustainability of ecosystems. The legal analysis and content presented in the draft guidelines and their commentaries constitute a delicate balance in the overall interrelationship of the diverse rules governing ecosystems and areas of international law as they impact human wellbeing. The guidelines should form a good starting point for the future, in assisting States to consider other broader issues relating to the protection of the human environment. Protection of the environment is of seminal importance to Kenya. As the host of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), the highest level decision-making body that addresses the critical environmental challenges facing the world today, we will support all efforts to stem environmental degradation and climate change induced adversities. There is a need, therefore in our view, for all States and the international community as a whole to act together on these matters, and we welcome the Commission's recommendation for the General Assembly to take note

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of legal practitioners, distinguished scholars and academia, but more importantly so gender balance, parity and equity as a first step towards gender equality. We request delegations take all these considerations when making selection of their preferred candidates.

Finally, and in closing my delegation wishes to reiterate its continued support for the work of the Commission undertaking its mandate of the codification and progressive development of international law

I thank you.