



Statement by the Republic of Turkey  
at the Sixth Committee  
on the Report of the International Law Commission  
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Madam Chair,

At the outset, we would like to thank the Chair, Ambassador Mahmoud Hmoud, for the presentation of the report of the International Law Commission.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the extraordinary efforts made to ensure the smooth conduct of the Commission during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Protection of the Atmosphere

Madam Chair,

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Rapporteur Shinya Murase for his sixth report and congratulate the Commission for the completion of the draft guidelines.

As mentioned in the Special Rappor WH Xepff, we shared our hesitation regarding draft guidelines 4 and 11(2/b) in the past Sixth Committee sessions. Therefore, we would like to refer to our previous statements that have been delivered on this topic during previous sessions.

In addition, bearing in mind that there are many countries that are not party to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, including Turkey, it would be appropriate not to mention the Vienna Convention in the draft guideline 9.

On the other hand, we would like to emphasize that Turkey attaches great importance to the environmental issues, which are transboundary and multi-dimensional challenges of today.

Protection of the atmosphere constitutes one of these challenges.

Our atmosphere is composed of many gases, including ozone that absorbs a large part of the  
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Industrial activity and consumer products result in the emission of ozone depleting substances, particularly ones that contain chlorine and bromine that weaken the ozone

That situation could pose a threat to the exclusive power of the legislative authority to consent to international undertakings by removing the need for approval; it could also discourage the executive authority from initiating and working with the legislature to complete the ratification process.

Therefore, we expect that the Commission proceed with utmost caution on this matter.

We also maintain our view that, like Turkey, there are many other countries that are not party to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, and that it would be appropriate not to mention the Vienna Convention in draft guideline 2.

Finally, Z