

Madam Chair,

-welcomes the conclusion of the work of the International Law Commission on the protection of the atmosphere and its adoption of the draft preamble and guidelines and commentaries thereto,

-expresses its appreciation to the Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law,

-takes note of the views and comments expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee on the subject including those made at the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, after the Commission had completed its work on this topic, and

-also takes note of the preamble and guidelines on the protection of the atmosphere, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, with the commentaries thereto, brings them to the attention of States, international organizations and all who may be called upon to deal with the subject and encourages their widest dissemination.

Madam Chair,

Before concluding, I take this opportunity to thank delegations for their constructive engagement. I also wish to extend my appreciation to our colleagues from the Secretariat and thank Trevor Chimimba, Carlos Ivan Fuentes and Patricia Georget for their support over the past weeks.

In conclusion, it is my assessment that the text of the draft resolution presently before the Committee reflects the common views of all delegations on how best to proceed; I commend it to the Sixth Committee for its consideration and recommend that it be adopted without a vote.

Thank you Madam Chair.