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on the work of its sixty-ninth session
Cluster 2**

Mr. Chairman,

Today I will address three topics: (a) the protection of the atmosphere, (b) immunity of State Officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction and (c) succession

of States in respect of State responsibility.

Mr Chairman,

The protection of the atmosphere is a topic that affects all human beings and the

with the view to avoiding conflicts between any new developing rules relating to the protection of atmosphere and rules in other legal fields. We find it important that the guidelines will not compete with but complement the existing international law regime.

We would also like to express our support in addressing in paragraph 3 of the new guideline 9 the plight of those who may find themselves in vulnerable situations because of atmospheric pollution and atmospheric degradation. Whereas the wording „may include, *inter alia*“ indicates that the examples mentioned are not exhaustive, we believe that children, elderly and weaker segments of national

acknowledged at the outset of its deliberations on draft article 7, there is a need to

consider close relationship between the question of limitations and exceptions to

immunity and the procedural aspects of immunity that will be addressed in the Special Rapporteur's next report.

Estonia supports the position that the Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs enjoy immunity *ratione personae* from the exercise of foreign criminal jurisdiction. Despite of the different views on the Foreign

Ministers category, we agree with the ICJ that the immunity *ratione personae* is intended to enable the conduct of international relations and the Foreign Minister

of Government)

When it comes to the ICJ's work done which is very important

of Special Rapporteur Pavel Šturma and wish him success with this very complicated topic.

Thank you Mr Chairman!