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Chairperson,

New Zealand would like to comment on Chapters VII (immunity of state officials) and VI (protection of the atmosphere) from

Chapter II and chapter VIII (paramount norms of international

law) of cluster III of this debate. We support the ongoing work of the Commission on these issues, and the important debate in this Committee.

New Zealand would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for the

6th report analysing the question of limitations and exceptions

alternative approach of reformulating draft article 7 on the basis of an obligation to waive or prosecute international

consequences of jus cogens in 2018 with a view to developing proposals for an illustrative list of jus cogens norms in 2019.

Chairperson,

I now move to chapter VI and thank Mr Shinya Murase and the drafting committee for its work on the draft guidelines on the protection of the atmosphere. New Zealand supports the idea that the rules of international law relating to the protection of the atmosphere and other relevant rules of international law

should, to the extent possible, be identified, interpreted and

applied in a coherent manner. To do so, it will be important

Chairperson,

New Zealand welcomes the Commission's decision to hold part of its 2018 session here in New York. We look forward to the participating in the commemorations of the seventieth anniversary of the Commission. We suggest this may be an

opportunity to start a conversation about where the ILC can add the most value going forward.