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Dear Mr. Olendrzynski,

I have the honour to contact you at the request of the International Law Commission regarding its study on the topic “Protection of the atmosphere”. The Commission, at its seventieth session (2018), concluded the first reading of the draft guidelines on the protection of the atmosphere. It decided, in accordance with articles 16 to 21 of its Statute, to transmit the draft guidelines, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to Governments and international organizations for comments and observations, with the request that such comments and observations be submitted to the Secretary-General by **15 December 2019**.

Since your office was involved in the work of the Commission, please find enclosed the text of the draft guidelines on the protection of the atmosphere, with commentaries thereto, adopted on first reading by the Commission. The text of the draft guidelines, with commentaries thereto, is also contained in Chapter VI of the Commission’s Report, which is available on the website of the Commission (<http://legal.un.org/ilc/>) in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The comments and observations of your office would greatly assist the Special Rapporteur on the topic in preparing for the consideration of the draft guidelines by the Commission on second reading.

We would appreciate having any correspondence transmitted to the following address:

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I thank you in advance for any contribution your office may wish to make.

Yours sincerely,



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