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**Report of the ILC:
Cluster I, Chapters IV and V:
Most Favored Nation Clause
Protection of the Atmosphere**

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Mr. Chairman,

In the present statement the delegation of the Czech Republic will focus on Chapters
w Commission. In order to save time, I
will read only key parts of our statement; its complete text will be available in writing.

r the chairmanship of Professor Donald McRae
for its final report.

For seven years the Study Group focused on questions relating to application of MFN

interpreted on the basis of its own wording and the surrounding context of the agreement it is found in.

*The guideline 5 deals with **Cooperation**. The sub-paragraph a) is drafted as a re-statement of an obligation which States already have, in much more specific terms, under number of treaties. Sub-paragraph b) provides that „States should cooperate in further enhancing scientific knowledge relating to the causes and impacts of atmospheric pollution and atmospheric degradation. Cooperation could include exchange of information and joint monitoring“.*

Enhancing scientific knowledge about the cause and impacts of atmospheric pollution and degradation is undoubtedly an important task. We believe, however, that the guidance in this respect would be better provided by bodies with strong scientific and technical expertise.

We reserve the right to revert to these guidelines once we see the content of other guidelines dealing with the substantive issues concerning the protection of the atmosphere. This will allow us to understand what the obligation to cooperate would in real terms encompass.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.