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[on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/66/477)]

66/104. The law of transboundary aquifers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/124 of 11 December 2008, in which it took note of the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers formulated by the International Law Commission,

Noting the major importance of the subject of the law of transboundary aquifers in the relations of States and the need for reasonable and proper management of transboundary aquifers, a vitally important natural resource, through international cooperation,

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the comments of Governments and the discussions in the Sixth Committee at its sixty-third and sixty-sixth sessions on this topic,¹

1. *Further encourages* the States concerned to make appropriate bilateral or regional arrangements for the proper management of their transboundary aquifers, taking into account the provisions of the draft articles annexed to its resolution 63/124;

2. *Encourages* the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, whose contribution was noted in resolution 63/124, to offer further scientific and technical assistance to the States concerned;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “The law of transboundary aquifers” and, in the light of written comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates of the Sixth

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Sixth Committee, 26th meeting (A/C.6/63/SR.26)*, and corrigendum; and *ibid.*, *Sixty-sixth Session, Sixth Committee, 16th and 29th meetings (A/C.6/66/SR.16 and 29)*, and corrigendum.



Committee held at its sixty-third and sixty-sixth sessions, to continue to examine, inter alia, the question of the final form that might be given to the draft articles.

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