



Core Group on Groundwater
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Proposal for a draft decision of the Meeting of the Parties

Submitted by the Chair of the Legal Board

Summary

This document was prepared with the view to facilitate the discussion by the Core Group on Groundwater at its second meeting on the possible content of the draft decision on the model provisions on transboundary groundwaters. Following its finalization by the Core Group, the draft decision will be submitted to the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management for endorsement at its seventh meeting (Geneva, 3–4 July 2012) allowing its submission to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Rome, 28–30 November 2012).

Draft decision on the model provisions on transboundary groundwaters

The Meeting of the Parties,

Determined to promote transboundary cooperation and to facilitate implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes,

Recognizing the need for providing concrete guidance for the implementation of the Convention with regard to groundwater and facilitating the application of the principles of the Convention to transboundary groundwaters,

Building on the 2008 draft Articles on The Law of Transboundary Aquifers of the United Nations International Law Commission, endorsed and commended to the United Nations Member States by the General Assembly in 2008 and 2011,

1. *Adopts* the model provisions on transboundary groundwaters and their commentary;
2. *Commends* the Legal Board, the Core Group on Groundwater and the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management for their excellent work;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to publish the model provisions on transboundary groundwaters and distribute them as widely as possible;

4. *Invites* Parties and non-Parties to the Convention to use these model provisions when entering into or reviewing bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements on transboundary groundwaters;

5. *Entrusts* the Legal Board with the task to assist Parties and non-Parties to the Convention in the process of entering into or reviewing bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements on transboundary groundwaters.