

Statement of Portugal

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Mr. Chairman,

The transboundary sharing of water affects the relations of States and, therefore, it is an extremely relevant and particularly complex subject in today's international relations.

The relevance of this subject is attested, not only by the attention it is devoted to it, but also by the potential conflict inherent to shared water, its political and economic importance, and environmental issues related to this natural resource.

Portugal has already more than once praised the work of the Commission on this subject and the resulting outcome more than once.

Mr. Chairman,

We thus encourage all States to actively contribute towards the development and universal codification of the Law of Transboundary Aquifers. In this context, Portugal reaffirms, once more, its belief that the draft Articles should evolve into a framework convention on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.