



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Sixth Committee

GA Sixth/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The law of transboundary aquifers

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Sixth Committee

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1 *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, particularly the need for access to a clean and
2 stable drinking water source,

3 *Stressing* the need for the General Assembly to discuss the recourse for Member States that do not oblige
4 to the agreed upon standards,

5 *Deeply concerned* by the lack of proper international standards for monitoring and managing currently
6 established transboundary aquifers,

7 *Taking into consideration* resolution 63/10 and its demands of the international community to protect human
8 rights through the protection of transboundary aquifers,

9 *Guided by* resolution 63/124, stating the current laws concerning transboundary aquifers,

10 1. *Calls upon* the international community to help resolve the major issue concerning individuals' access to
11 clean water sources;

12 2. *Urges* international cooperation in the utilization and stabilization of proper transboundary aquifers and
13 the settling of disputes through:

14 (a) The establishment of regional Ad Hoc committees, similar to the MERCOSUR program estab-
15 lished for the Guarani Aquifer;

16 (i) Members of these committees should be made up of experts in the scope of sustainability, as it
17 pertains to these water systems;

18 (ii) Disputing parties may choose a moderator to aid in establishing agreements on the utilization
19 of their shared aquifer;

20 (iii) Ad Hoc committees may assume the responsibility of appointing an unbiased moderator to aid
21 in agreements if these parties are unable to agree upon a designated moderator;

22 (b) Formation of non-conflict zones in designated areas to maintain stability in these areas and the
23 promotion of cooperation for disputes over transboundary aquifers;

24 (c) Creation of an international standard, which takes aspects such as, but not limited to, population
25 and aquifer location into consideration, that each committee will implement in addition to regional based standards;

26 3. *Recommends* the action of outside actors to promote the utilization and improvement of current trans-
27 boundary aquifers including, but not limited to: global academic research networks, governments, international
28 organizations and private companies with the responsibility to, but not limited to:

29 (a) Organize parallel cooperation and development and exchange strategies regarding transboundary
30 aquifers;

31 (b) Implementation of mapping methods and technologies including, but not limited to;

32 (i) GRACE satellite data;

33 (ii) Observation wells;

34 (iii) Piezometers;

35 (iv) Analysis of geological data for the purpose of;

- 36 (c) Establishing present levels of water usage and monitor current depletion levels;
37 (d) Predicting future trends based on current water usage and monitor current depletion levels;
38 (e) Predicting future trends based on current water usage and projects;
- 39 4. *Discouraging* the usage of these aquifers outside of the international agreed upon legal parameters, as
40 well as if agreements cannot be reached;
- 41 5. *Emphasize* the shared responsibility for the maintenance and sharing of transboundary aquifers;
- 42 6. *Encourages* increased involvement by Member States in Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Man-
43 agement (ISARM) to promote data collection, regional programs, and workshops:
- 44 (a) Data collection ensures that transboundary aquifers are monitored and dealt with on a quantifi-
45 able basis to facilitate sustainability;
- 46 (b) Regional programs establish international dialogue between countries and regions that share
47 aquifers to promote diplomatic relations;
- 48 (c) Workshops are held to exchange opinions, analyze and discuss the data collected, and to create
49 programs and initiatives within each designated region;
- 50 7. *Supports* additional research of geothermal energy as a stable and efficient alternative energy source;
- 51 8. *Requests* that all States take the necessary steps to ensure proper access to clean and sustainable water
52 sources for all States.

Passed, Yes: 75 / No: 10 / Abstain: 20