

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Decision on Co-operation in the field of Transboundary Waters (Decision B (41)) - Geneva, 1986**

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recognizing the significance of the harmonious development, use and conservation of transboundary waters and aware that prevention and control of transboundary pollution in rivers and lakes crossing or forming frontiers between two or more countries, and in related groundwater aquifers, as well as prevention and control of floods are important and urgent tasks whose effective accomplishment can only be ensured by enhanced co-operation among riparian countries,

Recalling its decision B (XXXV) whereby it adopted the ECE Declaration of Policy on Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, including Transboundary Pollution;

Taking into account the results of the Seminar on Co-operation in the Field of Transboundary Waters (Dusseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany in 1984),

Commending the efforts already undertaken by riparian countries to strengthen co-operation in the field of transboundary waters on a bilateral and multilateral level in particular regarding prevention and control of both transboundary water pollution including accidental pollution and transboundary flood episodes,

Conscious of the role of ECE as an instrument for promoting international co-operation regarding prevention and control of transboundary pollution, including accidental pollution as well as floods by, *inter alia*, elaborating international principles conducive to the achievement of those purposes as a means of placing on a firmer basis co-operation among riparian countries,

1. Decides to adopt the recommendations to ECE member Governments on Co-operation in the Field of Transboundary Waters, set forth hereunder;
2. Invites ECE member Governments to apply these recommendations in formulating and implementing water policies.