

United Nations General Assembly

**Resolution 33/87 on Co-operation in the field of the Environment concerning
Natural Resources Shared by Two or More States**

New York, 15 December 1978

The General Assembly,

Affirming the principles stated in the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

Recalling its resolution 3129 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973, entitled “Co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States”,

Recalling further the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Noting that the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme has, by decision 6/14 of 19 May 1978 approved the final report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources Shared by Two or More States, established under Governing Council decision 44 (III) of 25 April 1975, containing the draft principles of conduct in the field of the environment for the guidance of States in the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States and the declarations and reservations expressed thereon,

Recognizing the right of States to provide specific solutions on a bilateral or regional basis,

Desiring to promote effective co-operation among States for the development of international law regarding the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States,

1. Notes the valuable work done by the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources Shared by Two or More States in carrying out the tasks entrusted to it in regard to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII);
2. Takes note of the report of the Group of Experts, its approval, as adopted, by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and its transmission to the General Assembly with an invitation to adopt the draft principles;
3. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the report to Governments for their study and comments regarding the principles and to report thereon, taking into account also other significant information, with a view to enabling the General Assembly to take a decision at its thirty-fourth session.