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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/124 of 11 December 2008, in which it took note of the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers formulated by the International Law Commission,

Noting the major importance of the subject of the law of transboundary aquifers in the relations of States and the need for reasonable and equitable management of transboundary aquifers, a vitally important natural resource, through international cooperation,

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the comments of Governments and the discussion in the Sixth Committee at its sixty-third and sixty-sixth sessions on this topic,

1. *Recommends* that the draft articles annexed to its resolution 63/124 be considered by Member States when negotiating future agreements or arrangements for the management of their transboundary aquifers, as appropriate;

2. *Encourages* the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, whose contribution was noted in resolution 63/124, to offer further scientific and technical assistance to the States concerned;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session an item entitled "The law of transboundary aquifers" and, in the light of written comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates held at its sixty-third and sixty-sixth sessions, to further examine, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the draft articles.

