



Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine took note of the report of the General Assembly, which contains observations of Governments on the law of transboundary aquifers, and of the Commission's report on this regard.

First of all, I would like to note that it is not a duty to any bilateral or regional agreements concerning transboundary aquifers.

My Delegation is in favour of the process of concluding a convention regarding transboundary aquifers.

At the same time we would like to note that the relations between aquifer States are founded on the joint management of dynamic aquifer resources. Meanwhile, in most cases, the export is accompanied by a significant depletion of the aquifer in other States. Given that it is mainly by technological means, it is possible to prevent such depletion. Therefore, the concept of "harm" should be defined in the draft articles.

Although draft article 6 concerns the obligation not to cause significant harm, the concept of "harm" is not defined. For this reason, separating the concepts of "harm caused by aquifer depletion" and "harm caused by aquifer depletion" and constituting significant or insignificant harm would also need to be defined.

I thank you.