

**Statement by the Republic of Türkiye
on Agenda Item 86**

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Mr. Chairman,

Türkiye appreciates the work undertaken by the International Law Commission on the topic of the law of transboundary aquifers, and we are pleased to participate the debate on this item.

As we had expressed in previous sessions, we are of the view that each transboundary aquifer has its own specific characteristics and peculiarities, and that it would not be appropriate to apply a single framework to all transboundary aquifers.

On this basis, we believe that work on the law of transboundary aquifers should focus on the general principles, and that the draft articles should continue to serve as voluntary guidance for state practice, in their current non-binding form.

We will be following the evolution of State practice in this field in the coming years.

Thank you.