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**STATEMENT BY
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**ON AGENDA ITEM 87 ENTITLED
“THE LAW OF TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFERS”
AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NEW YORK, 22 OCTOBER 2013**

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia would like to thank the Secretariat for its circulation of the Report of the Secretary General on “The law of transboundary aquifers” prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/104, and takes note of the comments and observations submitted by Governments.

2. Malaysia supports the call for States concerned to establish any appropriate bilateral or regional arrangements for the proper management of their transboundary aquifers. Malaysia further recognizes the important role to be and has been played by the International Hydrological Programme of the UNESCO in offering further scientific and technical assistance to the States concerned.

Mr. Chairman,

3. With regard to the question of the final form that might be given to the draft Articles, Malaysia wishes to reiterate its position during the 66th Session of this meeting that the decision on the final form of the draft Articles should be decided at a later stage by the General Assembly. This would be done after there is sufficient evidence of State practice that is reflective of firstly, the principles and obligations set out in the draft Articles, and secondly, the added value of the draft Articles in enhancing existing bilateral and regional frameworks implemented by the States concerned.

4. Malaysia is therefore of the view that, at the present stage, it would be appropriate for the Articles to remain in their current draft form. The draft Articles would continue to serve as a valuable reference for States to further develop their legal frameworks for the proper management of transboundary aquifers as well as their cooperative arrangements with their neighbouring or regional partners in that regard, subject to the States’ capacity and resources to implement such frameworks and arrangements.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.