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**STATEMENT BY MS. ZURSHIDA MURNI ABDUL HAMID, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA ON AGENDA ITEM 85: THE LAW OF TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFERS AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK, 18 OCTOBER 2011**

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia commends the Secretary-General for the preparation of the Report and takes note of the comments and observations of the Governments with regard to the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers especially on its final form.

Mr. Chairman,

2. With regard to the form of the draft articles, it is Malaysia's view that at the present stage, the draft articles would be useful as a guideline for States to enter into appropriate bilateral or regional arrangements for the proper management of their transboundary aquifers subject to the capacity and resources of States to undertake the necessary activities. In this respect, States should be given time to evaluate and review the said draft articles based on their own State practices and bilateral and regional arrangements, if any.

3. Therefore, Malaysia proposes that the decision on the final form of the draft articles be considered at a later stage by the General Assembly after sufficient State practice has developed which encapsulates practices of States having implemented the draft articles.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.