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Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses

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Description / Abstract

The Watercourses Convention entered into force on 17 August 2014.

The UN Watercourses Convention (UNWC) is a global treaty adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1997. It is a framework convention governing international watercourses. The UNWC constitutes a global legal mechanism for facilitating the equitable and sustainable management transboundary rivers and lakes and connected ground water around the world. The Convention's principal objective is to strengthen cooperation between states over their shared water resources following key principles of international law and prevent potential conflicts.

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