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Articles on Cross-Media Pollution Resulting from the Use of the Waters of an
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Article 1

In using the waters of an international drainage basin, States shall, consistent with the Helsinki Rules and the rules on international water resources subsequently adopted by the International Law Association, individually or jointly, take all reasonable measures to prevent minimize significant transboundary pollution of another environmental medium.

Article 2

Consistent with applicable international rules and standards, States shall, insofar as technically and economically feasible, ensure that waste, pollutants, and hazardous substances are handled, treated, and disposed of in the manner that produces the least transboundary environmental harm.

Article 3

In using the waters of an international drainage basin, States, individually or jointly as appropriate, shall ensure prior assessment of the impact of programmer or projects that may have a significant transboundary effect on the environment or on the sustainable use of the waters.

Article 4

States shall use their best efforts to achieve integrated management of the water resources of their international drainage basins.