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Article 1

Consistent with Article IV of the Helsinki Rules, States shall ensure that:

(a) the development and use of water resources within their jurisdiction do not cause substantial damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction; and

(b) the management of their natural resources (other than water) and other environmental elements located within their own boundaries does not cause substantial damage to the natural condition of the waters of other States.

Article 2

Articles XXVI and XXXVII of the Helsinki Rules, duly expanded with the addition of the consideration of acts or omissions concerning natural resources other than water and of other environmental elements in their reciprocal relationships with water resources, are applicable to the States referred to in Article 1.