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Israel therefore welcomed the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of Resolution 61/36 on 4 December 2006, Resolution 62/68 on 6 December 2007 and finally of Resolution 65/28 on 6 December 2010, on the prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm. Israel would like to take this opportunity to extend its appreciation to reports A/68/94 and A/68/170 submitted by the Secretary General, pursuant to the later resolution.

The articles on the prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and the principles on the allocation of loss arising in the case of such harm represent the culmination of extensive work by the International Law Commission at the request of the General Assembly. Israel would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the International Law Commission once again for its work done in this regard.

On the final form of the respective articles and principals, Israel believes it is most appropriate for the principles on allocation of loss and for the draft articles on prevention to remain in their current recommendatory form. Israel sees no added benefit in attempting to transform the principles and articles into the more binding form of a convention and support retaining these products in their current form.