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Article 1

For the purpose of these Articles, “regulation” means continuing measures intended for controlling, moderating, increasing or otherwise modifying the flow of the waters in an international watercourse for any purpose; such measures may include storing, releasing and diverting of water by means such as dams, reservoirs, barrages and canals.

Article 2

Consistent with the principle of equitable utilization, basin states shall cooperate in a spirit of good faith and neighbourliness in assessing needs and possibilities and preparing plans for regulation. When appropriate, the regulation should be undertaken jointly.

Article 3

When undertaking a joint regulation, basin states should settle all matters concerning its management and administration by agreement. When necessary, a joint agency or commission should be established and authorized to manage all relevant aspects of the regulation.

Article 4

Unless otherwise agreed, each basin state party to a regulation shall bear a share of its costs proportionate to the benefits it derives from the regulation.

Article 5

1. The construction of dams, canals, reservoirs or other works and installations and the operation of such works and installations required for regulation by a basin state in the territory of another can be carried out only by agreement between the basin states concerned.
2. Unless otherwise agreed, the costs of such works and their operation should be borne by the basin states concerned.

### Article 6

A basin state shall not undertake regulation that will cause other basin states substantial injury unless those states are assured the enjoyment of the beneficial uses to which they are entitled under the principle of equitable utilization.

### Article 7

1. A basin state is under a duty to give the notice and information and to follow the procedures set forth in Article XXIX of the Helsinki Rules.
2. When appropriate, the basin state should invite other basin states concerned to participate in the regulation.

### Article 8

In the event of objection to the proposed regulation, the states concerned shall use their best endeavours with a view to reaching an agreement. If they fail to reach an agreement within a reasonable time, the states should seek a solution in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Helsinki Rules.

### Article 9

The application of these Articles to regulation for controlling floods is without prejudice to the application of the relevant articles on Flood Control adopted by the International Law Association in 1972.