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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION:

**The 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and the 1997 Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses:
their relevance and usefulness for the countries of Latin America**

3 and 4 October 2016

Campeche, México

DRAFT AGENDA

3 October

9:00 - 10:00

Registration

10:00 - 10:30

Opening Statements by the organizers

Including relevance to international processes such as the SDGs and the Intergovernmental Panel on Water and Peace

10:30 - 11:15

Workshop objectives and introductory round

- Objectives of the workshop and Introduction to the workshop agenda
- Introductory round of participants (*with focus on participants' experience, background and expectations from the workshop*)

11:15 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

Session 1 : Transboundary watercourses cooperation: Main principles and their application through various legal frameworks

- Current state of transboundary water cooperation in Latin America
- Why do we need international water law?
- 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and 1997

Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses – similarities and differences

- Provisions of conventions (procedural and substantive norms in international water law)
- The UNECE Water Convention in practice: experience from its implementation, institutional framework and activities on the ground

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 16:30

Session 1 continued

Group exercise

Group exercise on the Conventions and their use to promote transboundary cooperation

16:30 - 16:45

Coffee break

16:45 - 18:15

Session 2: Good practices and tools available in different regions of the world

First challenge: Institution-building

- Obligations in international water law and principles for effective joint bodies developed under the Water Convention
- Institutional aspects of transboundary water cooperation – examples from the Latin American region
- Examples from other regions of the world

Wrap-up session – Closing of the first day

19:00

Dinner reception

4 October

9:30 - 11:15

Session 2: (continued)

Second challenge: Trust building

- How the substantive norms of the Conventions help to build trust
- Examples from Latin America
- Examples from other regions of the world
- Policy guidance note on identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation developed under the Water Convention and its application

11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Session 2 (continued): practical exercise on the benefits of cooperation
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Third challenge: Information-sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligations in international water law with regards to monitoring and information-sharing • Information- and data-sharing – examples from the Latin American region • Examples from other regions of the world
15:30 - 17:30	Session 3: Conclusions and next steps <p>Interactive discussion in working groups and plenary</p> <p>Discussion on the next steps at the national, basin, regional and global levels, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance and usefulness of the Conventions and their possible accession by Latin America countries - Future efforts to strengthen transboundary water cooperation, including through activities carried out with development partners active in the region - Involvement of Latin American countries in the programme of work of the Water Convention for 2016-2018
17:30 – 17:45	Conclusions by the Chair
17:45 – 18:00	Closing statements