

## **RESOLUTION No. 2/2004**

### **WATER RESOURCES**

The 71<sup>st</sup> Conference of the International Law Association, held in Berlin, Germany, 16-21 August 2004:

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the Report of the International Committee on Water Resources Law;

**NOTES** the exponentially growing demand for a reliable supply of water in recent decades with the resulting severe challenges to legal and managerial regimes for water resources, with a concomitant growth in the relevant bodies of customary international law relating to the management of both domestic and transboundary water resources;

**THANKS** the Chairs, the Rapporteurs, and the members of the Water Resources Committee who have built upon the earlier work of the Association to prepare the *Berlin Rules on Water Resources* contained in the Report, and thanks the Rapporteur for the commentaries on the Rules;

**ADOPTS** the Rules proposed by the Committee as adopted at the Working Session of August 17, 2004;

**TAKES NOTE** of the Rapporteur's commentary;

**COMMENDS** the Committee's Report to international organizations, their Member States, and all other bodies concerned in advancing and implementing the law and management of water resources;

**REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the Association to transmit this resolution and the Committee's Report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for the particular attention of the International Law Commission and to circulate it widely among international organizations and agencies of, or related to, the United Nations; and

**RECOMMENDS** to the Executive Council of the Association that the Water Resources Committee, having achieved its mandate, be dissolved, without prejudice to whatever other arrangements the Executive Council sees fit to make in order to follow, and to contribute to, the continuing work of the International Law Commission on Shared Natural Resources or on other related topics.