Anniversary Event to Celebrate
20 years of the Helsinki Convention and Debate its Future

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Historical review

- the role of Finland towards the Helsinki Rules and the New York and Helsinki conventions

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- **UNECE Scope on the River Basin Principle:**
  - “a change in the conditions of transboundary waters caused by a human activity, the physical origin of which is situated ... within the area under the jurisdiction of a Party”

- **Baltic Sea Convention 1992:**
  - “This Convention shall apply to the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area which comprises the water-body and the seabed including their living resources and other forms of marine life.”
Quotations 2

- Initiative to the UN Assembly 1970
  - "Progressive development and codification of the rules of international law relating to international watercourses"
Thank you for your attention!