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The purpose of this research is to comprehend the principles and measures of International Law concerning the control and prevention of pollution of international rivers which are applied to the Lower Mekong Basin.

The research findings are as follows :

1. The legal principles concerning prevention and control of the pollution of international watercourse include the following : the principle not to cause damage to other States, the principle of equitable utilization and the principle of cooperation between riparian States. However, there is uncertainty and inconsistency concerning these principles which may bring about conflicts of rights and duties between the riparian States.

2. The legal principles provided in the Joint Declaration of Principles for Utilization of the waters of the Lower Mekong Basin 1975 adopted as guidelines for the prevention and control of pollution of the Lower Mekong Basin fail to balance between the interests of all parties in the Basin.

The Lower Mekong States should consult each other with a view to negotiating in good faith, and on basis of common interest and mutual trust for the purpose of optimum utilization of waters in the Lower Mekong agreement.