

## **Abstract**

The thesis examines the alterations in the attitude of the UN conferences towards the environmental protection from the perspective of international law. It presents developments and changes in international environment protection in articulation with its fundamental milestones being the UN conferences in 1972 in Stockholm, in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro and in 2002 in Johannesburg. These and other conferences, adopted international documents and treaties that comprise the contemporary framework of the protection of the environment. The thesis explicates the key concepts of the environmental law, describes the role of the UN and other international organizations and summarizes the most significant conferences, events and documents. It concludes with prospects of the future development of the international environmental protection.