<u>Abstract</u>

This thesis, called šEnvironmental principles and their application in international, EU and czech lawõ, discusses the nature and application of the principles in the law generally, namely in international law, law of the European union and czech law. The first part of this thesis deals with the legally-theoretical definitions, the nature and basic characteristics and attributes of principles. The next chapters describes concrete environmental principles and their functions and occurrence in the law. Author attempts to show (through analysis of concrete normative documents a texts) the usage and application of principles in legal praxis. The importance of the principles is also emphasized from the point of view of concrete judicial cases, in which principles have been explicitly mentioned. Author mainly focuses on the following principles (see 3rd chapter, which represents the crucial part of the thesis): principle of the highest value, principle of the common interest of mankind, principle of the right to favourable environment, principle of the sustainable environment, principle of the participation of the public and principle of information, principle of prevention, precautionary principle, principles of the responsibility and principle of integration and principle of protection complexity.