



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA2/II/20

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Water Supply and Sanitation

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Rwanda, Ethiopia, Singapore, Benin, Philippines, Japan, Peru, Ghana, Thailand, Tajikistan, Indonesia, Belize, Belgium, Jamaica, Cyprus

The Second Committee

- 1 *Emphasizing* the report of the Secretary General E/cn.17/2001/PC/17 of 2 March 2001, relating to water
2 and supply of freshwater resources,
- 3 *Aware* of the challenges posed in Chapter 18 of Agenda 21 of 12 August 1992 in protecting the quality
4 and supply of freshwater resources,
- 5 *Alarmed* by increased competition for water supply throughout the world,
- 6 Acknowledging water supply has the potential to cause tense relations between countries could escalate to
7 violent conflict,
- 8 *Deeply Concerned* with sewage water treatment along with consequences,
- 9 *Taking into account* depleting demographic pressures that can slow sustainable policies in terms of water
10 supply and sanitation,
- 11 *Regrets* that a persons water requirement, approximately fifty liters per day, is not yet viewed as a basic
12 human right, and meeting this requirement is not currently a top priority to all countries,
- 13 *Bearing in mind* that water is the most essential resource to the global population,
- 14 1. *Requests* placement of water supply and sanitation on higher priority on global agenda for Rio
15 +10;
- 16 2. *Further* invites cooperation internationally, regionally, domestically, as well with NGOs to
17 improve coordination in water resource allocation;
- 18 3. *Proclaims* the essential need to balance awareness about conditions and health effects along with
19 technical support in terms of water supply and sanitation;

- 20 4. *Encourages* nations to consider treaties on the sharing of water bodies that cross national
21 boundaries in order to diminish possible conflicts over the issue;
- 22 5. *Urges* improvement in universal access to safe water supply and sufficient levels of sanitation for
23 all nations, especially in rural areas, in order to improve conditions in health, economic
24 development, food production, and human security;
- 25 6. *Encourages* the continued use and expansion of a field units based from the UNDP or UNEP, to
26 survey, analyze, summarize, water quality information and programs;
- 27 7. *Expresses* its hope for establishment of a recommendation board through UNDP to focus on
28 technical recommendations made by countries for water resources as well as the exchange of
29 scientific advancement;
- 30 8. *Further invites* each country to establish a standing committee on water supply and sanitation to
31 stay in touch with the international community;
- 32 9. *Endorses* an increase in efforts to the development and implementation of technologies that purify
33 and desalinate water;
- 34 10. *Invites* all Member States, the international financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors,
35 the private sector, and the NGO community to contribute to this new and innovative effort at using
36 technology to provide clean, potable water, to both developed and developing nations;
- 37 11. *Supports* integrating water and sanitation analysis in the economic planning of all international and
38 financial institutions;
- 39 12. *Reaffirm* Agenda 21 Chapter 14 that the declared “development and environmental objectives will
40 require a substantial flow of new and additional financial resources to developing countries in
41 order to incremental costs of the actions they have to accelerate sustainable development;
- 42 13. *Emphasizes* the importance of implementing multilateral, and bilateral technical assistance
43 programs which would effectively aid in the education process of water sanitation as well as
44 efficient water management techniques;
- 45 14. *Urges* the need of water supply and sanitation systems that neither pollute the ecosystem nor
46 deplete scarce resources and encourages technologies that are designed to recycle renewable and
47 nonrenewable resources to promote long-term sustainability.

Final Vote: 49 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 10 Abstentions