

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit For Social Development and of the Twenty-Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: India, Iraq

*The Third Committee*

1            *Deeply concerned* that approximately forty-four percent of the World s population is using  
2 inadequate sanitation facilities,

3            *Recalling* its resolution 1995/46 of 27 July 1995 which called upon immediate action towards  
4 improving sanitation facilities in developing countries,

5            *Recognizing* that resolution 57/252 of 21 February, 2003 encourages the global community to  
6 invest in implementing the decisions relating to freshwater, made by the Commission on Sustainable  
7 Development at its sixth session,

8            *Bearing in mind* that the Millennium Goal of halving the proportion of people without access to  
9 safe drinking water and halving the proportion of people who do not have access to basic sanitation by  
10 the year 2015, was reaffirmed at the World Summit 2002,

11           *Further recalling* that the United States announced \$970 million in investments over the next  
12 two years on water and sanitation projects,

13           *Also recalling* that the European Union announced its Water for Life initiative that seeks to  
14 engage partners to meet goals for water and sanitation, for the global community,

15           *Recognizing* the successful progress in the developmental plans for sanitation-improvement,

16           *Recognizing* that global water shortage is a real threat within 50 years, that only 3% of the  
17 world s water supply is fresh water in accessible form, and that large numbers of people are already  
18 suffering from a shortage of fresh water,

19           *Emphasizing* the importance of continuing this progress of supplying improved water sources,

- 20 1. *Encourages* the United States to continue to invest in the developing world so as to  
21 provide a sound balance of sanitation usage;
- 22 2. *Requests* the European Union to implement their Water for Life initiative as soon as  
23 possible so as to meet the Millennium Goal reinstated in the World Summit, 2002;
- 24 3. *Urges* states to provide financial aid towards freshwater and proper sanitation facilities,  
25 so as to implement the goals made in the World Summit 2002;
- 26 4. *Recommends* states to raise awareness of the importance of freshwater and proper  
27 sanitation facilities within their states, especially those that are developing;
- 28 5. *Further recommends* that there be a review session on the progress of the implementation  
29 plans made at the World Summit 2002, over period sessions of two years,
- 30 6. *Requests* that states closely monitor rural areas that are deprived of freshwater and proper  
31 sanitation facilities so as to acquire a more comprehensive outlook towards the problems  
32 of sanitation and to consequently focus on investing in these areas;
- 33 7. *Encourages* the UN and the world community to commit to the research and  
34 development of desalination technology and the implementation of this technology,  
35 beginning in areas of current shortage;
- 36 8. *Calls upon* states to recognize the severity of the issue of the deprivation of proper  
37 sanitation and freshwater facilities, and thereby investing considerably highly upon such  
38 sustainable development.

Passed by consensus with Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, Hungary, Georgia, and Uganda abstaining