



## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ES/II/6

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic and Environmental Questions: Population and Development

SUBMITTED TO: ECOSOC

*Economic and Social Council,*

*Observing* the importance of clean water as central to all facets of life, and its therefore inherent impact on the ever widening societal disparity between rich and poor persons, and developed and developing nations; a gap which poses a major threat to global prosperity, security, and stability,

*Noting* with concern the more than 1 billion persons worldwide without sufficient access to clean water,

*Seeking* to fulfill the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development's aim to halve the proportion of people lacking access to adequate sanitation and safe drinking water by 2015,

*Noting* with concern lack of considerable progress on the aforementioned aim,

*Recognizing* amplified pressure on water and sanitation systems as a result of increased urbanization,

1. *Calls* for increased research on and development of cost effective desalination technologies;

2. *Supports* improved water treatment facilities and waste disposal equipment, especially in developing and transitional countries;

3. *Strongly* encourages the development and implementation of recycled water irrigation systems;

4. *Encourages* adequate localized grassroots sanitation education which specifically addresses such issues as proper waste disposal practices and disease prevention strategies;

5. *Solemnly recommends* that water resources be made available to everyone without regard to class, age, race, color, sex, or creed;

6. *Notes* that integrated water resource management should be conducted within a national

36 framework;

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38 7. *Encourages* national governments to utilize the loan program services provided by the  
39 World Bank and IMF for specific alternative development programs such as desalination and waste  
40 management;

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42 8. *Calls upon* national government and the international community for long term financial  
43 commitment, in reference to the action plan outlined in the UNODC's Action Plan on  
44 International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on alternative development.

Final Vote: 20 for / 1 opposed / 1