



American Model United Nations

## Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

ESCAP/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Environment and Sustainable Development: Water Conservation

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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1            *Reaffirming* the United Nations Millennium Development Declaration goal to  
2 halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe  
3 drinking water,  
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5            *Recalling* General Assembly Resolution 59/228, supporting the belief in water as  
6 critical for sustainable development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger,  
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8            *Bearing* in mind, that access to clean, sanitary freshwater is first and foremost, a  
9 humanitarian issue regardless of political implications,  
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11           *Deeply concerned* that 2.5 billion people do not have access to clean water  
12 worldwide and 560 million people lack access to clean water in rural areas of the Asian  
13 Pacific region,  
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15           *Noting* the spread of water born diseases and the negative effects of H2O pollution,  
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17           *Recognizing* the importance of education and its effect on social and economic  
18 development,  
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20           *Acknowledging* the crucial role that education plays in self-sustainability in  
21 developing nations,  
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23           *Considering* the success of the ONE campaign to help eradicate global poverty,  
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25           *Recognizing* the efficiency and importance of multiple media sources and

26 awareness campaigns on the international and local levels,

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28 *Fully aware* that education needs to be implemented within the country and  
29 empowered by domestic and outside aid,

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31 *Expecting* NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) to give aid without states  
32 sacrificing local control of water resources,

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34 1. *Calls Upon* Member States to increase efforts to reach the United Nations  
35 Millennium Development Goals by 2015;

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37 2. *Recommends* collaboration between developed and developing nations in  
38 pursuing efficient and affordable water conservation technology in urban and rural areas;

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40 3. *Reaffirms* the goals of existing institutions within national governments to  
41 continue their efforts in water conservation education such as the improvements  
42 commended in the ESCAP 2007 report titled, "Integrated Pro-Poor Water and Waste  
43 Water Management in Small Towns;"

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45 4. *Requests* increased funding for institutions of higher education in the Asia  
46 Pacific region to empower local experts of the states to help solve regional problems of  
47 sustainable water use,

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49 5. *Encourages* the use of multimedia literary sources to help in the education of  
50 water conservation promoted by local, national, or international bodies;

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52 6. *Recognizes* access to water as an international human right, regardless of race or  
53 ethnicity.

Passed, Yes: 28 / No: 2 / Abstain: 4