



American Model United Nations

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

ESCWA/I/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable Development and Productivity: Water Resources

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

SPONSORS: Jordan, Sudan

The Economic and Social Council

- 1 *Realizing* that access to water is a fundamental human right,
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- 3 *Recognizing* that water scarcity is a growing issue affecting member states of the
4 Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia (ESCWA),
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- 6 *Recalling* the commitments outlined by the Convention on the Law of the Non-
7 Navigational Uses of International Watercourses 1997,
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- 9 *Deeply concerned* about the negative effects damming has on the quality and availability
10 of already scarce water resources to all watercourse states,
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- 12 1. *Encourages* all member states of the ESCWA that have not already signed onto or
13 ratified the Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International
14 Watercourses 1997 to consider making further strides towards adoption;
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- 16 2. *Recommends* multilateral dialogues among watercourse states to coordinate and share
17 impact analysis' of future projects along the watercourse;
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- 19 3. *Further recommends* states to implement early warning systems in order to recognize
20 and prevent occurrence of drought, including:
21 (a) Comprehensive network of geographic information systems;
22 (b) Sharing of all climate data between ESCWA member states to better coordinate
23 efforts;
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- 25 4. *Urges* cooperation between states to facilitate communication with each other in times
26 of crisis;
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- 28 5. *Encourages* riparian states to consider alternative waste management procedures;
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- 30 6. *Urges* states to consider multilateral trade agreements to compensate for negative
31 effects of upstream waterway developments to riparian states;
32 (a) Limit the pollution of water resources;
33 (b) To ensure consistency and water availability.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions