

Forum: Economic and Social Council

Question of: Ensuring Safe Drinking Water for All

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1 *The Economic and Social Council,*

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3 *Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes safe drinking water
4 as a fundamental human right,

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6 *Emphasizing* the crucial role of safe and clean drinking water in promoting health, well-being,
7 and sustainable development,

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9 *Recognizing* the persistent challenges in accessing safe drinking water, particularly in
10 developing countries,

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12 *Acknowledging* the interconnectedness between water, sanitation, and hygiene and their
13 impact on public health and socio-economic development,

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15 *Reaffirming* the commitments under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
16 specifically Sustainable Development Goal 6, aiming to ensure availability and sustainable
17 management of water and sanitation for all,

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19 1. **Urges** member states to:

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a. develop and implement comprehensive water and sanitation plans tailored to
21 local conditions, incorporating considerations of water resources, infrastructure
22 needs, and social and cultural factors,

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b. strengthen regulatory frameworks and monitoring systems to ensure
24 compliance with water quality standards,

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c. promote public awareness on the importance of safe drinking water and
26 sanitation;

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28 2. **Mandates** governments world wide to strengthen and enlarge their efforts towards

29 safe drinking water supplies with equal access for everyone and taking a special focus
30 on the following groups:

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a. women and children,

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b. indigenous people,

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c. refugees,

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d. those of low income,

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e. those who suffer from social inequalities,

- 36 f. officially recognized minorities,
37 g. any other type of marginalized group,
38 h. any group at risk of marginalization;
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- 40 3. **Establishing** an NGO with the purpose of studying water purification and safe
41 extraction for as long as it takes to ensure safe drinking water, starting immediately
42 with the purpose of:
- 43 a. educating people in regions on how to harvest safe drinking water and stop the
44 waste of water, given their infrastructure, social, cultural and geographical
45 factors by:
 - 46 i. creating an open database for people to learn how to get safe drinking
47 water in their region,
 - 48 b. improving specific technologies through organizations such as but not limited
49 to “Viva con Aqua”,
 - 50 c. incorporating the knowledge and technologies shared by other countries,
 - 51 d. educating the people on how to maintain a hygienic and clean environment,
 - 52 e. guaranteeing the ecological compatibility with existing ecosystems;
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- 54 4. **Emphasizes** the need of a fund to be established to:
- 55 a. the construction of new and improved sanitation infrastructures such as but not
56 limited to:
 - 57 i. filtering systems such as but not limited to:
 - 58 1. charcoal filters or reverse osmosis systems,
 - 59 b. support the construction of new and improved sanitation infrastructure,
 - 60 c. promote the research of improving national regulation systems of water
61 resources;
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- 63 5. **Calls for** increased financial and technical assistance from developed countries and
64 international financial institutions to:
- 65 a. support countries facing water shortages in their efforts to,
 - 66 i. improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation;
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- 68 6. **Invites** all countries to establish a sustainable emergency protocol that states the first
69 steps of action if clean water is endangered, taking following points into
70 consideration:
- 71 a. plans on how people that are living in the affected area can still be supplied
72 with clean and safe drinking water,
 - 73 b. steps on how to return to a stable level of accessible drinking water,
 - 74 c. evaluation sheet that analyzes the situation to avoid similar situations;
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- 76 7. **Encourages** all nations to develop:
- 77 a. sustainable, nature-based risk reduction plans for natural disasters,
 - 78 b. new methods of recycling freshwater and to improve wasteful practices,

- 79 i. through new techniques such as but not limited to in modern
80 pressurized systems of drip irrigation to preserve water,
81 c. implementations of climate change adaptation measures;
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- 83 **8. Affirms** the use of the subsidiarity principle, which results in support of communities
84 on the most local level;
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- 86 **9. Decides** to remain active of the matter by:
87 a. requesting the Secretary General to provide reports to the General Assembly
88 on:
89 i. member states' progress in ensuring access to safe drinking water,
90 ii. highlighting challenges,
91 iii. best practices,
92 iv. recommendations for further actions.
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95 **Voting Results**

96 In favour: 32

97 Against: 20

98 Abstentions: 0