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Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 85 (see A/59/483). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 18th and 37th meetings, on 27 October and 3 December 2004. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/59/SR.18 and 37).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.6 and A/C.2/59/L.57

2. At the 18th meeting, on 27 October, the representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/59/L.6) entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003 respectively, as well as its resolution 58/218 of 23 December 2003,

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“Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (‘Johannesburg Plan of Implementation’),

“Reaffirming the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

“Reaffirming also the continuing need to ensure a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

“Stressing that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

“Recognizing that good governance at all levels is essential for sustainable development,

“Noting that the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session undertook an in-depth evaluation of progress in implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, focusing on the thematic clusters of water, sanitation and human settlements, and identified best practices, constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation,

“Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/61, in which the Council endorsed the proposal of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session that the Commission’s policy sessions take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, that the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting be based on the outcome of the review session, reports of the Secretary-General as well as other relevant inputs, and that, on the basis of those discussions, the chair of the thirteenth session of the Commission prepare a draft negotiating document for consideration at the policy session,

“1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

“2. Calls upon Governments, all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations funds and programmes, regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility and the other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, as well as major groups, to take action to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets

adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and encourages them to report on concrete progress made in that regard;

“3. *Calls for* the implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the Summit and, to that end, for the fulfilment of the provisions relating to the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

“4. *Encourages* Governments to participate at the appropriate level with representatives from the relevant departments and agencies working in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements in the intergovernmental preparatory meeting and the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

“5. *Welcomes* the contributions of the regional commissions to the work of the Commission at its twelfth session, including the regional meetings focusing on the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, and their inputs to the reports of the Secretary-General;

“6. *Invites* donor countries to continue to support the participation of experts from the developing countries in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements at the thirteenth session of the Commission;

“7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, which should contribute to the mobilization of efforts and resources towards the implementation of the commitments, goals and targets agreed upon in those areas;

“8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Commission at its thirteenth session on the state of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, with appropriate input from all levels, to submit thematic reports on each of the three issues, namely, water, sanitation and human settlements, taking into account their interlinkages while addressing the cross-cutting issues identified by the Commission at its eleventh session;

“9. *Requests* the Commission, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 and other relevant resolutions, to consider at its thirteenth session policy options in the cross-cutting issues related to the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, including in particular progress in the means of implementation, notably financial resources, capacity-building and technology transfer;

“10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on inter-agency cooperation, and requests him to continue his efforts to strengthen system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and in this regard to submit a report on such inter-agency coordination activities and their terms of reference for consideration by the Economic and Social Council in 2005, through the Commission on Sustainable Development;

“11. *Requests* the chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development to transmit the outcome of the thirteenth session of the Commission, through the Economic and Social Council, to those bodies making preparations for the 2005 major event to review the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

“12. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development to make the arrangements necessary to ensure the balanced representation of major groups from developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission;

“13. *Welcomes* the convening of the second international expert meeting on a ten-year framework of programmes for sustainable consumption and production, to be held in Costa Rica in September 2005, and in this regard urges developed countries, while acknowledging their ongoing support, to continue and increase their support for those activities;

“14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled ‘Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development’, and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.”

3. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Qatar orally revised operative paragraph 9 by replacing the words “and other relevant resolutions” with the words “and the decisions of the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development” after the words “22 December 1992”.

4. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, the Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, the Netherlands, the Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.6.

5. At the 37th meeting, on 3 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ewa Anzorge (Poland), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/59/L.57) entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development”, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.6.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.57 (see para. 13, draft resolution I).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.15 and A/C.2/59/L.52

8. At the 18th meeting, on 27 October, the representative of Tajikistan, on behalf of Belarus, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritius, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/59/L.15) entitled "Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources", which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, and its resolution 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed that the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life', 2005-2015, would commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005,

"Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being,

"Recalling the provisions of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted at its nineteenth special session, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation') and the decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session relating to freshwater,

"Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation as well as develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005,

"Recalling the Ministerial Declaration, entitled 'Message from Lake Biwa and the Yodo River Basin', adopted on 23 March 2003 at the Ministerial Conference of the Third World Water Forum, held in Kyoto, Japan, and the Dushanbe Water Appeal, proclaimed on 1 September 2003 at the International Freshwater Forum, held in Dushanbe from 29 August to 1 September 2003,

"Welcoming the decision of the Secretary-General to establish an Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, consisting of eminent persons with expertise in the field, to raise awareness and help mobilize resources for achieving the internationally agreed water and sanitation goals and targets,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

“2. *Welcomes* the activities undertaken by the Member States, the United Nations Secretariat, the organizations of the United Nations system and the major groups that were engaged in inter-agency work related to freshwater for the observance of the International Year of Freshwater, 2003;

“3. *Welcomes also* the partnership initiatives on water and water management that have been launched, and invites further initiatives in this regard;

“4. *Encourages* Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system and major groups to continue their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and, as appropriate, those identified during the twelfth and at the upcoming thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

“5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions in organizing the activities of the Decade, taking into account the results of the International Year of Freshwater and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions;

“6. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to step up their efforts to deliver a coordinated response in order to make the International Decade for Action ‘Water for Life’, 2005-2015 a decade of delivering promises through the efficient utilization of existing resources and by seeking additional funding through the voluntary contributions of Member States;

“7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.”

9. Subsequently, Romania and Switzerland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

10. At the 37th meeting, on 3 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ewa Anzorge (Poland), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/59/L.52) entitled “Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, ‘Water for Life’, 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources”, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.15.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.52 (see para. 13, draft resolution II).

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003, respectively, as well as its resolution 58/218 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ Agenda 21,² the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,³ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),⁵

Reaffirming the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁶

Recalling the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,⁷

Reaffirming the continuing need to ensure a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

Reaffirming also that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

⁴ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁵ *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

⁶ See resolution 55/2.

⁷ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

Recognizing that good governance within each country and at the international level is essential for sustainable development,

Noting with satisfaction that the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session undertook an in-depth evaluation of progress in implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, focusing on the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements, and identified best practices, constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation,⁸

Noting that the organization of work of the twelfth session of the Commission included plenary sessions, an interactive plenary dialogue and regional meetings, as well as a partnership fair, learning centres and side events,

Recalling the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session,⁹ endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/61 of 25 July 2003, that the Commission, at its policy sessions, to be held in April/May of the second year of the cycle, would take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of issues, taking account of the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting, the reports of the Secretary-General and other relevant inputs,

Recalling also the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session that the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting would be based on the outcome of the review session and reports of the Secretary-General, as well as other relevant inputs, and that, on the basis of those discussions, the Chair would prepare a draft negotiating document for consideration at the policy session,

Looking forward to the upcoming cycles of the work programme of the Commission as adopted at its eleventh session and their contributions to the further implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ on the activities undertaken in the implementation of Agenda 21,² the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21³ and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

2. *Reiterates* that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities, in particular for achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration⁶ and in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;⁵

3. *Calls upon* Governments, all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility and other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, as well as major groups, to take action to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit on

⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 9 (E/2004/29)*.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 2003, *Supplement No. 9 (E/2003/29)*, chap. I, sect. A.

¹⁰ A/59/220.

Sustainable Development and encourages them to report on concrete progress in that regard;

4. *Calls for* the implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the Summit and, to that end, for the fulfilment of the provisions relating to the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

5. *Encourages* Governments to participate, at the appropriate level, with representatives from the relevant departments and agencies in water, sanitation and human settlements, as well as finance, in the intergovernmental preparatory meeting and the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

6. *Recalls* the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session to invite the regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Commission, to consider organizing regional implementation meetings in order to contribute to the work of the Commission, and in this regard urges the regional commissions to take into account the relevant thematic clusters contained in the Commission's programme of work and to provide inputs as specified by the Commission at its eleventh session;

7. *Recalls also* the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session that activities during Commission meetings should provide for the balanced involvement of participants from all regions, as well as for gender balance;

8. *Welcomes* the contributions of the regional commissions to the work of the Commission at its twelfth session, including the regional meetings focusing on the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements, and their inputs to the reports of the Secretary-General;

9. *Invites* donor countries to consider supporting the participation of experts from developing countries in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements in the thirteenth session of the Commission;

10. *Takes note with interest* of the establishment of the Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation by the Secretary-General, and looks forward to its contribution to the mobilization of efforts and resources towards the implementation of the commitments, goals and targets agreed upon in these areas;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Commission at its thirteenth session on the state of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, on the basis of appropriate inputs from all levels, to submit thematic reports on each of the three issues contained in the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements, taking into account their interlinkages, while addressing the cross-cutting issues identified by the Commission at its eleventh session;

12. *Requests* the Commission, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 and as specified by the Commission at its eleventh session, to examine the cross-cutting issues related to the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements;

13. *Stresses* the importance of the success of the Commission at its thirteenth session in:

(a) Taking policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements;

(b) Mobilizing further action by all implementation actors to overcome obstacles and constraints in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on inter-agency cooperation¹¹ and requests him to continue his efforts to strengthen system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and in this regard to report on such inter-agency cooperation and coordination activities and their terms of reference to the Economic and Social Council in 2005;

15. *Recalls* its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2004/44 of 22 July 2004 and 2004/63 of 23 July 2004, and in this regard requests the Commission, without prejudice to the decisions adopted at its eleventh session, to contribute through the Council to the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly in 2005, in accordance with the modalities to be set out by the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

16. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to make arrangements to facilitate the balanced representation of major groups from developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission;

17. *Notes* the convening of the second international expert meeting on a ten-year framework of programmes for sustainable consumption and production, to be held in Costa Rica in September 2005, and in this regard urges Member States, while acknowledging their ongoing support, to consider further support for those activities;

18. *Encourages* Governments and organizations at all levels, as well as major groups, including the scientific community and educators, to undertake results-oriented initiatives and activities to support the work of the Commission and to promote and facilitate the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including through voluntary multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

¹¹ E/2004/12-E/CN.17/2004/3.

Draft resolution II
Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, and its resolution 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed that the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, would commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005,

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being,

Recalling the provisions of Agenda 21,¹ the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted at its nineteenth special session,² the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”)³ and the decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session⁴ relating to freshwater,

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration,⁵ and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation as well as develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries,

Taking note of the Ministerial Declaration, entitled “Message from Lake Biwa and the Yodo River Basin”, adopted on 23 March 2003 at the Ministerial Conference of the Third World Water Forum, held in Kyoto, Japan,⁶ and the Dushanbe Water Appeal, proclaimed on 1 September 2003 at the International Freshwater Forum, held in Dushanbe from 29 August to 1 September 2003,⁷

Taking note also of the Fourth World Water Forum, which will take place in Mexico in March of 2006,

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

² Resolution S-19/2, annex.

³ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 9* (E/1998/29).

⁵ See resolution 55/2.

⁶ A/57/785, annex.

⁷ A/58/362, annex.

Taking note with interest of the establishment of the Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation by the Secretary-General,⁸ and looking forward to its contribution to the mobilization of efforts and resources towards the implementation of the commitments, goals and targets agreed upon in those areas,

1. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;⁹*
2. *Welcomes the activities related to freshwater undertaken by the Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and the organizations of the United Nations system, inter alia, through inter-agency work as well as contributions from major groups, for the observance of the International Year of Freshwater, 2003;*
3. *Encourages Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system and major groups to continue their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,¹ the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,² the Millennium Declaration⁵ and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;³*
4. *Welcomes the work of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and looks forward to the upcoming thirteenth session of the Commission on the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements;*
5. *Invites the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions in organizing the activities of the Decade, taking into account the results of the International Year of Freshwater and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions;*
6. *Calls upon the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to step up their efforts to deliver a coordinated response in order to make the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, a decade of delivering promises through the use of existing resources and voluntary funds;*
7. *Notes with interest the partnership initiatives on water and sanitation undertaken within the framework of the World Summit on Sustainable Development process and its follow-up and in accordance with the criteria and guidelines adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session;*
8. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on the activities planned by the Secretary-General and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system for the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015;*
9. *Decides to consider, at its sixtieth session, the future arrangements for the review of the implementation of the Decade, including the possibility of review on a biennial or triennial basis or a mid-term review.*

⁸ See A/59/167, para. 42.

⁹ A/59/167.