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## **Observer status for the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation for Africa in the General Assembly**

### **Report of the Sixth Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation for Africa in the General Assembly” was included in the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly at the request of Burkina Faso.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 22nd meetings, on 16 October and 1 November 2013. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.6/68/SR.11](#) and 22).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/68/145](#)).

#### **II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/68/L.7**

5. At the 11th meeting, on 16 October, the representative of Burkina Faso, on behalf of Austria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency



for Water and Sanitation for Africa in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/68/L.7](#)). Subsequently, Chile, Gabon and Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 22nd meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/68/L.7](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

### III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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*The General Assembly,*

*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation for Africa,

1. *Decides* to invite the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation for Africa to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

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