



## **Open letter supporting the resolution entitled “The human right to water and sanitation”**

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We are nongovernmental organizations whose members come from all parts of the world and for most of our members access to safe drinking water and sanitation are major concerns. We affirm the presentation of the draft resolution entitled “The human right to water and sanitation” that is currently under consideration before members of the General Assembly. We strongly urge you to support this resolution.

We believe that it is critical that this resolution be put forward as a firm affirmation that the right to safe drinking water and sanitation is a universal human right and, further, we support asking that the Secretary General present a report on the implementation of such a resolution at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Your affirmation of this resolution would support the estimated 1.1 billion people who lack access to safe drinking and the 2.6 billion people (UNDP Report 2006) who lack access to basic sanitation. Not only will the resolution explicitly uphold the right to life acknowledged in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but also bring us a major step closer to achieving the development goals recognized in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Thank you in anticipation of your positive consideration of this resolution.

## **Signatories:**

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6. *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), US Section*
7. *JVE International (Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement International) Togo*
8. *Mercy International Association*
9. *Alliance for Democracy, USA*
10. *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Santa Cruz, CA*
11. *International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation*
12. *Loretto Community*
13. *Grassroots International USA*
14. *Ecologistas en Acción, Spain*
15. *EarthLife Africa, Johannesburg*
16. *Coporación Ecofondo, Colombia*
17. *VIVAT International*
18. *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)*
19. *Irrigation Training and Economic Empowerment Organization (IRTECO) Tanzania*
20. *Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul*
21. *SANIPLAN Baltimore, Maryland, USA*
22. *Dominican Leadership Conference*
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24. *Friends Of the Earth (FOESL), Sierra Leone*
25. *Red VIDA (Vigilancia Interamericana para la Defensa y Derecho al Agua)*
26. *Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region (RWFAR), Morocco*
27. *Equipo Pueblo / Espacio DESC, México*
28. *Canadians for Action on Climate Change, Canada*
29. *Centro Cultural Social y del Medio Ambiente Ceibo, Chile*
30. *ATTAC Spain (Asociación para la tributación financieras y la acción ciudadana)*
31. *Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Sociedad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados del Valle del Cauca (SINTRACUAVALLE), Colombia*
32. *Africa Water Network, Ghana*
33. *Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region (RWFAR), Egypt*
34. *India Resource Center, India*
35. *Swarna Hansa Foundation, Sri Lanka*

36. *FIVAS - Association for International Water Studies, Norway*
37. *Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries*
38. *YUVA: Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, India*
39. *EcoMujer, Monika Schierenberg, Germany*
40. *KRuHA / People's Coalition for The Right to Water, Indonesia*
41. *Amrta Institute for water literacy, Indonesia*
42. *Passionists International*
43. *ForUM for Environment and Development (ForUM), Norway*
44. *Congregations of St. Joseph*
45. *Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
46. *"Another Water Management is Possible Campaign", Turkey*
47. *TOXISPHERA ASSOCIAÇÃO DE SAÚDE AMBIENTAL – Brazil*
48. *Sisters of Charity Federation*
49. *Food and Water Watch, USA.*
50. *COLECTIVO DE JOVENES SINDICALISTAS DE LA ISP, COLOMBIA*
51. *Navdanya, India*
52. *Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal*
53. *Friends of the Earth, Cyprus*
54. *Society of the Sacred Heart, UN-NGO Office*
55. *Rede Brasileira pela Integração dos Povos*
56. *Frente Nacional pelo Saneamento Ambiental (FNSA)*
57. *Rede Brasileira de Justiça Ambiental (RBJA)*
58. *Solidariedade e Educação (FASE)*
59. *Serviço Pastoral dos Migrantes (SPM)*
60. *ASSOCIAÇÃO MOVIMENTO PAULO JACKSON-Ética, Justiça, Brazil*
61. *Chile Sustentable, Chile*
62. *International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), California*
63. *Umphilo waManzi, South Africa*
64. *Spire (Norwegian Development Funds Youth) Norway*
65. *Face It Act Now (FIAN), Norway*
66. *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Norway*
67. *Environmental Rights Action (ERA), Nigeria*
68. *Corporación Ecológica y Cultural Penca de Sábila, Colombia*
69. *Comision Nacional en Defensa del Agua y la Vida, Uruguay*
70. *Federación de Funcionarios de la Obras Sanitarias del Estado (FOSE) Uruguay*
71. *Amigos de la Tierra (FoE) REDES - Uruguay*
72. *Corporación La Ceiba, Colombia*
73. *CENSAT 'Agua Viva', Colombia*
74. *Asia Pacific Research Network*
75. *Peoples Movement on Climate Change*
76. *Water for the People Network*
77. *Bloque Popular-Honduras*

78. *"Forum italiano dei Movimenti per l'Acqua" (Italian Forum of Water Movements)*
79. *Canadian Union of Public Employees*
80. *International Kolping Society, Germany*
81. *Ce.V.I. - Centro di Volontariato Internazionale per la cooperazione allo sviluppo, Italy*
82. *Obras Sanitarias del Estado Uruguayo*
83. *International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse , INPEA*
84. *Coalición de Organizaciones Mexicanas por el Derecho al Agua*
85. *ALIANZA POR LA JUSTICIA CLIMÁTICA – CHILE*
86. *Friends of the Earth Palestine (FOE)*
87. *Palestinian Water Training Institute ((PWTI)*
88. *Latin American Solidarity Centre Dublin, Ireland*
89. *National Network on Environments and Women's Health, Canada*
90. *Al Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development, Egypt*
91. *Institute of Sustainable Development, India*
92. *Advocacy and Monitoring Network on Sustainable Development (AM-NET), Japan*
93. *Site 41 Citizens Group, Canada*
94. *South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers & People, India*
95. *Save Our Urban Lakes (SOUL), India*
96. *Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa, South Africa*
97. *AANK, India*
98. *Leadership Conference of Women Religious, USA*
99. *Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Center, Nigeria*
100. *Confederation of Public Services Independent Trade Unions, Sri Lanka*
101. *PRAGATI PATH, India*
102. *Friends of the Earth, Canada*
103. *Center of Excellence for Change, India*
104. *Polaris Institute, Canada*
105. *Franciscans International, USA*
106. *CENSAT, Colombia*
107. *Salva la Selva, Spain*
108. *Rochester Franciscan Community, USA*
109. *Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Associates, USA*
110. *The Eco-Cell at St. John's, Canada*
111. *Amigos de la Tierra, Buenos Aires*
112. *UNESCO Etxea, Spain*
113. *Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development, Uganda*
114. *Enginyeria Sense Fronteres, Catalunya*
115. *The Other Worlds Collaborative, USA*
116. *Adentra, Spain*
117. *Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, International*
118. *OFRANEH, (Organizacion Fraternal Negra Hondureña), Honduras*

119. *Association for the Development of Environmental Law and Economics (ADELE), France*
120. *ATTAC, Spain*
121. *Asociación para el Desarrollo de El Salvador, CRIPDES, El Salvador*
122. *Edmund Rice International, Geneva*
123. *Right to Water, New Zealand*
124. *Our Lady's Missionaries, Canada*
125. *Palestinian Environmental NGO Network – Friends of Earth*
126. *Palestinian Hydrology Group for Water and Environmental Resources Development*
127. *Sisters of the Presentation, United States*
128. *Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (GSIC), Canada*
129. *Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Northeast Community, United States*
130. *Ingeniería Sin Fronteras: Castilla y León, Spain*
131. *Sustainlabour: International Labour Foundation for Sustainable Development, Spain*
132. *Science for Peace, Canada*
133. *Asociación Semillas de Amor (Association for the Elderly and Single Mothers Seeds of Love), Colombia*
134. *Asociación para el Desarrollo Municipal del Norte, Nicaragua*
135. *Associazione Yaku, Italia*
136. *Sisters of the Presentation (San Francisco, California), United States of America*
137. *The Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation, (Newfoundland), Canada*
138. *LIDER AVINA, Peru*
139. *Les Amis de la Terre, Togo*
140. *Franciscan Sisters of Allegany (New York), United States of America*
141. *Network for Environmental and Economic Development (NEED), Burma*
142. *ATTAC-Québec, Canada*
143. *Palestinian Water Training Institute*
144. *Justicia y Paz, Spain*
145. *Fundaexpresion / Region Santander, Colombia*
146. *AQUALOMBIA, Colombia*
147. *Unión Nacional de Usuarios de los servicios públicos de Colombia, Columbia*
148. *ART FOR CHANGE, Canada*
149. *Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua, Spain and Portugal*
150. *Red Andaluza de la Nueva Cultura del Agua, Spain*
151. *Asia-Pacific Network for Food Sovereignty, Philippines*
152. *Integrated Rural Development Foundation, Philippines*
153. *Initiative Colibri, Germany*

154. *German Canadian Community Service, Canada*
155. *Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, United States of America*
156. *Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team, United States of America*
157. *Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Justice Office, United States of America*
158. *Third World Network, Malaysia*
159. *Consumers Association of Penang, Malaysia*
160. *Friends of the Earth Malaysia*
161. *FUNDACIÓN YUBARTA, Colombia*
162. *RECLAIM CAMISSA, South Africa*
163. *Ingeniería Sin Fronteras Cantabria, Spain*
164. *Trade Union of the Health Service and Social Care of the Czech Republic*
165. *Water Pressure Group, New Zealand*
166. *Presentation Justice Network Ireland*
167. *Amigos de la Tierra España*
168. *Kairos Spirituality-for-Social Justice Centre, Canada*
169. *Corporación Ecológica y Cultural Penca de Sábila, Colombia*
170. *Comité en Defensa del Agua y de la Vida, Antioquia Colombia*
171. *Canadians for Action on Climate Change, Canada*
172. *Friends of the Earth International*
173. *United Nations Association in Canada*
174. *World Christian Life Community*
175. *Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership Nazareth, Kentucky, United States of America*
176. *National Organization for Sustainable Development (NOSD), India*
177. *Weaker Section Welfare Association (WESWA), India*
178. *Aquattac*
179. *People's Voice for Development Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*
180. *Asociación de Familias y Mujeres del Medio Rural (AFAMMER), España*
181. *Corporación Mariparán*
182. *Society for Positive Action, Inc., United States of America*
183. *Attac Germany*
184. *Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)*
185. *JAGORI, India*
186. *Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, United States of America*
187. *International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International)*
188. *CORPORACION CONTIGO MUJER, Pereira-Colombia*
189. *JMJ Children's Fund of Canada*
190. *WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network*
191. *Citizen's Coalition for a Safe Community, United States of America*
192. *Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary NGO, United States of America*

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193. *WARMER, Canada*
  194. *EcoSanity, Canada*
  195. *Corporate Accountability International*
  196. *ANGIKAR BANGLADESH FOUNDATION, Bangladesh*
  197. *Federation of Parastatal Bodies and Other Unions (FPBOU),  
Mauritius*
  198. *San Jerardo Cooperative, Inc.*
  199. *Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance (NIPSA)*
  200. *RESULTS, United States of America*