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**Sustainable development:
implementation of Agenda 21, the
Programme for the Further
Implementation of Agenda 21 and
the outcomes of the World Summit
on Sustainable Development**

Qatar: *Draft resolution

**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 58/218 of 23 December 2003,

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.

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

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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 poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing 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 the decision of the Commission on Sustainable Development in its 11th session which called for the commission's policy sessions to take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements; and that the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting will be based on the outcome of the review session, reports by the Secretary-General as well as other relevant inputs, based on those discussions, the chair of CSD 13 will prepare a draft-negotiating document for consideration at the policy session.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General¹ 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;

¹ A/59/220.

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 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 in water, sanitation and human settlements in the intergovernmental preparatory meeting and the 13th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

5. *Welcomes* the contributions of the regional commissions to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development 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 supporting the participation of experts from the developing countries in the areas of water, sanitation, and human settlements in the 13th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

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

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General in reporting to the commission in its 13th session on the state of implementation of Agenda 21 and the program 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 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 on Sustainable Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 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 the inter-agency cooperation and requests him to continue his efforts to strengthen the 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 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* also the Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to transmit the outcome of its 13th session, through the Economic and Social Council, to the preparations for the 2005 major event in relation to the review of the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and the outcomes of major United Nations Summits and Conferences;

12. *Requests* the Secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development to make the necessary arrangements 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 of the ten-year framework of programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production, to be held in Costa Rica on September 2005, and in this regard urges developed countries, while acknowledging the ongoing support, to continue and increase their support for these 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.
