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United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development

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WATER AND SANITATION: A crisis of commitment

Press conference in Room S-226 **Thursday 21 April at 12.45pm**

Mikhail Gorbachev

Chairman of Green Cross International

"We must aim for universal access to water and basic sanitation anything less is a violation of our civilisation, our human rights, and our morality."

His Royal Highness Prince Willem-Alexander The Prince of Orange (The Netherlands)

"The world water crisis is a crisis of governance - not one of scarcity. No single type of intervention has greater overall impact upon economic development and public health than the provision of safe drinking water and proper sanitation."

To be moderated by **Ambassador John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda) Chairman of CSD-13**

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