Promotion of the Realization of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation*

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Mindful that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights enshrines the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of human rights, and urged States and the international community to promote effective international cooperation for the realization of the right to development and the elimination of obstacles to development,
Taking account of the results of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, especially the recommendations in its Programme of Action (A/CONF.166/92, annex II) concerning the United Nations system to strengthen United Nations operational activities for development in order to ensure the implementation of the World Summit outcome, as well as the United Nations system's capacity for gathering and analysing information and developing indicators of social development, taking into account the work carried out by different countries, in particular by developing countries (para. 99 (e)),
Recalling resolutions I (Assessment of water resources), II (Community water supply), III (Agricultural water use), IV (Research and development of industrial technologies), V (Institutional arrangements for international cooperation in the water sector) and IX (Financing arrangements for international cooperation in the water sector) adopted at the United Nations Water Conference held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from 14 to 25 March 1977 (United Nations Publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12, chap. I).
Taking particular account of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1981–1990) and the celebration, on 22 March of each year, of the World Day for Water, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/193 of 19 November 1992, respectively,

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Taking note of the Declaration on the Right to Development (General Assembly resolution 41/126 dated 4 December 1986, annex),
Recalling that in section I, paragraph 10, of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.198/16), the World Conference on Human Rights reaffirmed the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of human rights, and urged States and the international community to promote effective international cooperation for the realization of the right to development and the elimination of obstacles to development,
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