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Section A: General Rules

Article 1 – Scope

The General Rules of Procedure introduced in this document will apply to the following Committees:

- UNHRC
- SPECPOL
- SOCHUM
- UNEP
- WHO
- UNICEF

For UNSC, specialized Rules of Procedure will be made available to Delegates. UNICEF, which is a Special Preparatory Committee, the General Rules of Procedure apply, unless indicated otherwise. In all Committees, DAIS members retain the right to modify Rules of Procedure at their own discretion.

Article 2 – Language

English is the official language for all Committees.

Article 3 – Structure of DAIS

The structure of the Committee DAIS consists of a Director and one or more Assistant Directors. The Director can choose to transfer their duties and powers to an Assistant Director temporarily. The DAIS retains the right to make alterations to the Rules of Procedure according to Article 1; any and all alterations are final and cannot be appealed against.

13th Model United Nations Of Xiamen Article 4 – Representation

Each delegation shall consist of one Delegate and has one vote.

Article 5 – Quorum

Quorum is the minimum number of Delegates required to be present for the Committee session to begin. For this Conference, the required quorum is set at half of the Committee, meaning half the number of countries in the Committee.

Article 6 – Use of Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices, such as but not limited to laptops and mobile phones, will not be allowed during formal debate. Use of such devices is permitted during Unmoderated Caucuses, outside Committee rooms, and session breaks.

Article 7 – Delegate Conduct

All Delegates shall be courteous and respectful to all other present Delegates and DAIS members. Speeches or statements that are deemed malicious or vulgar by the Committee DAIS will immediately be called out and follow-up actions may be taken at the discretion of the Committee DAIS. If Delegates feel that they have been slandered during formal debate, they may request a Right to Reply. If a Delegate continues with improper conduct, the DAIS may issue further warnings, and the Secretaries-General may take punitive actions against the Delegate.



Section B: Rules of Debate

Article 1 - Roll-Call

At the start of every Committee session, the Chair will take a Roll-Call. The Roll-Call will be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Committee delegations. When the nation of a Delegate is called, they shall raise the country placard and call out either "Present" or "Present and Voting". The difference between the two is that Delegates who call "Present and Voting" may not abstain from a substantive vote.

If a Delegate is not present during the Roll-Call, the Delegate is considered absent and therefore has no voting and speaking powers. If a Delegate is late, they will only be considered present when the Delegate sends a written note to the DAIS indicating that they are present and after the DAIS has acknowledged the note.

Article 2 - General Speaker's List

Once the agenda has been set, the Director will set individual speaking time and open a General Speakers' List for open debate on the topic. Delegates may request to be added to the list by:

- (i) raising their placard when the Director calls for countries to be added or;
- (ii) sending a note to the DAIS.

For the convenience of the Committee, the Speaker's List shall be projected to show the names of the countries on the list. The default speaking time shall be 90 seconds unless the Committee decides otherwise by raising a motion. Delegates may choose to speak on any aspect of the topic while speaking from the General Speaker's List.

Article 3 – Governing Speeches

All speeches shall adhere to the time limit set by the Director at the beginning of the debate, which is 90 seconds or otherwise stated by the Director, unless the Committee decides otherwise by raising a motion. No speaker may speak without the permission of a DAIS member. A DAIS member may reprimand a delegate who:

- (i) makes irrelevant statements;
- (ii) is disrespectful towards another Delegate or;
- (iii) goes above the given time limit.

Article 4 – Yields

When sufficient time remains at the end of a speech during the General Speaker's List, Delegates must yield their time in one of the following manners:

(i) Yield to Another Delegate

Situation: Delegate A finishes their speech but has not used up all of the time allocated for speaking. Delegate A may yield the time to the Delegate of another country; Delegate B would then use the remaining allocated time to speak. However, Delegate B may not yield their time to a subsequent Delegate. This is known as a secondary yield, which will not be entertained at this conference.

E.g. "The Delegate of Country A would like to yield their remaining time to the Delegate of Country B."

(ii) Yield to Points of Information

Situation: Delegate A finishes their speech but has not used up all of the time allocated for speaking. Delegate A may therefore yield to Points of Information. Points of Information are questions raised directly to Delegate A by other Delegates. The questions should, therefore, be directly relevant to the speech made by Delegate A. The number of Points of Information allowed will be decided by the DAIS.

E.g. "The Delegate of Country A would like to open themself to Points of Information."

(iii) Yield to the Chair

Situation: Delegate A finishes their speech, and has not used up all of the time allocated for speaking. Delegate A may choose to yield the floor back to the Director. However, if Delegate A uses up all the time allocated for speaking, Delegate A must yield the floor back to the Chair.

E.g. "The Delegate of Country A would like to yield the floor to the Chair."

Article 5 – Positions and Motions

The Director may call for Points and Motions from Delegates during regular debate sessions outside of voting procedure. To raise Points or Motions, Delegates must raise their placards and state the Point or Motion when addressed by the Director. Every Motion requires at least one other Delegate to 'Second' the proposed Motion. The following Points and Motions will be entertained:

POINTS

(i) Points of Personal Privilege

A Point of Personal Privilege is raised when a Delegate feels personal discomfort during a committee session. For example, when the room is too cold, Delegates can request to have the air-conditioning adjusted. Points of Personal Privilege are also in order during speeches. For example, a Delegate may request that the speaker raises their volume. Delegates are discouraged from exercising Points of Personal Privilege for frivolous requests. This is, however, the only Point that can disrupt a speech. All other Points or Motions can only be raised in between speeches.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to raise a Point of Personal Privilege."

(ii) Points of Order

A Point of Order is raised when a Delegate feels that an error has been made in the Rules of Procedure by a Delegate or by the DAIS. Points of Order cannot be used to interrupt speeches unless the speech itself is out of order. Delegates are strongly discouraged from exercising Points of Order needlessly.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to raise a Point of Order."

(iii) Points of Parliamentary Inquiry

A Point of Parliamentary Inquiry is raised when a Delegate raises a question about the Rules of Procedure to the DAIS.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to raise a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry."

MOTIONS

(i) Motion to Introduce a Moderated Caucus

The purpose of this Motion is to focus the debate session on one particular aspect of the issue at hand. This Motion can be used by a Delegate only when the floor is open and on the General Speaker's List. The Delegate raising the Motion must state the purpose and duration of the Caucus, as well as a time limit for individual speeches in the Caucus. If at any time there is no Delegate wishing to speak, the Moderated Caucus may be closed by the Director, and debate will resume from the General Speaker's List.

This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to introduce a Moderated Caucus of fifteen minutes for the purpose of focusing the debate on the supply of illicit drugs with a speaking time of one minute for each speaker."

(ii) Motion to Introduce an Unmoderated Caucus

The purpose of this Motion is to allow the Committee to break out of formal debate structure in order to consolidate different viewpoints. This Motion can be used by a Delegate only when the floor is open and on the General Speaker's List. The Delegate making the Motion must state the purpose and duration of the Caucus, which cannot exceed twenty minutes. The Delegate who made the Motion must summarize the proceedings of the Unmoderated Caucus at the end of the Caucus, with a speaking time of no more than one minute.

Delegates are free to move within the Committee room and briefly leave during the Unmoderated Caucus.

This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to introduce an Unmoderated Caucus of fifteen minutes for the purpose of consolidating the different viewpoints that have been heard by the Committee."

(iii) Motion to Introduce a Draft Resolution

The purpose of this Motion is for a Delegate to introduce their Draft Resolution to the Committee. This Motion can only be used when the floor is open and on the General Speaker's List. A Delegate may only use this Motion after the Draft Resolution has been submitted to and approved by the DAIS. Delegates will be informed once a Draft Resolution has been approved, printed, and is ready for introduction. The Delegate may thereafter refer to the Draft Resolution by its designated number, which will be provided by the Director. More than one Draft Resolution on the same topic will be allowed. See Section C, Article 2 for more details.

This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to introduce Draft Resolution 1.2."

(iv) Motion to Introduce an Amendment

The purpose of this Motion is for a Delegate to introduce an Amendment to a Draft Resolution being debated. This Motion can only be used when the Committee is in open debate on the Resolution. A Delegate may only use this Motion after a proposed Amendment Resolution has been submitted to and approved by the DAIS. There are two types of Amendments - Friendly Amendments and Unfriendly Amendments. See Section C, Article 3 for more details.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to introduce a Friendly / Unfriendly Amendment to Draft Resolution 1.2."

(v) Motion to Suspend or Resume Debate

This Motion can be used by a Delegate to suspend debate on a proposed Draft Resolution that is being discussed. The Director will allow one speaker 'For' and one speaker 'Against' this Motion before it is put to a vote. The Motion requires a simple majority to pass. No debate will be allowed on the Draft Resolution if the Motion to Suspend Debate passes.

A Motion to Resume Debate on a suspended Draft Resolution will require a simple majority to pass. The Director will allow one speaker 'For' and one speaker 'Against' this Motion before it is put to a vote.

(vi) Motion for Suspend or Resume Meeting

This Motion can be used by a Delegate to suspend the Committee until the next Committee session. The Director has discretion as to whether this Motion is in order. When in order, this Motion will immediately be put to a vote. The Motion is valid only 15 minutes prior to the end of the scheduled Committee time. This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

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(vii) Motion to Divide the Question

Before voting on a Resolution, a Delegate may motion to Divide the Question. Dividing the Question means that the Committee will vote on the Draft Resolution by each clause. The Director will allow two speakers 'For' and two speakers 'Against' this Motion, before moving into voting procedure on the Motion. A two-thirds majority is required for the Motion to pass.

The Director will then conduct a clause-by-clause vote. A two-third majority is required for each clause to pass. Once all the clauses have been voted upon, clauses that have been passed will be recombined into a new Draft Resolution. The Committee will then vote on the Draft Resolution as a whole. As this is a substantive vote, a two-thirds majority is required for the Draft Resolution to pass.

(viii) Motion to Divide the House

This Motion can be used by a Delegate in the event of a vote on a Resolution that is close or has been tied. The Director has the discretion as to whether this Motion is in order. When in order, this Motion will be put to a vote and requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If this Motion passes, the Director will immediately conduct a revote on the Resolution. However, this time abstentions will not be in , and all Delegates have to vote either 'For' or 'Against' the Resolution. As a substantive vote, a two-thirds majority is required for the Draft Resolution to pass.

(ix) Motion for Adjournment of Meeting

This Motion can be used by a Delegate to suspend the Conference until the next year. The Director has discretion as to whether this Motion is in order. If a member of the Committee raises this Motion, it will immediately be put to a vote. The Motion is valid only 15 minutes prior to the end of the last session's scheduled Committee time. This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

(x) Motion to Question the Competence of the Chair

This Motion can be used if a Delegate believes that the Director of the Committee is not versed in MUNOX conduct or procedure, or if a Delegate believes that the Director is doing a poor job in running the Committee. If this Motion is brought to the floor, the Assistant Director will determine whether or not the Motion is in order; if the Assistant Director finds the Motion in order, they will continue the procedural process of Questioning the Competence of the Chair.

The Motion can be used during formal debate. This Motion is very serious and should be carefully assessed before being raised.

(xi) Motion for a Right of Reply

If a member of the Committee makes a personal attack against another Delegate, then the offended Delegate is permitted to reply to the Delegate. However, if an attack is made against a Delegate's position, the Delegate does not receive a Right of Reply. The Director will have the discretion as to whether a Right of Reply is in order. If a Right of Reply is given, the Delegate who insulted another will be asked to come up to the podium and apologize for no less than 2 minutes.

Article 6 – Working Papers

Working Papers are documents that serve as aids to Committee discussions by providing viewpoints and ideas suggested during the debate. There are no fixed formats for Working Papers - they may come in the form of a text, presentation, or diagram. For Delegates to introduce their Working Papers, they must first submit the Paper to the Director, who will then vet and give approval for the Paper to be printed and distributed. No Working Paper may be distributed without the permission of the Director. Working Papers do not require signatories or sponsors, only the name of the submitter(s) of the Paper.

Section C: Resolutions & Amendments

Article 1 – Requirements for Introduction of Draft Resolution

A Draft Resolution must be signed by at least 20% of the total number of countries in the Committee. This includes both sponsors and signatories. The number of signatories required for each Committee will be made known to Delegates at the start of the Committee session.

Sponsors of a Resolution are countries that fully support the Resolution and wish to see the Resolution passed in its entirety. They will have contributed ideas or clauses to the Draft Resolution. During voting procedures on the Draft Resolution, sponsors have to vote 'Yes.'

Signatories of a Resolution are not necessarily supportive of the Resolution; they only wish to see it debated on the Committee floor. They do not have to vote in favor of the Resolution.

After all the necessary signatures have been gathered, the Director needs to give final approval before allowing the Introduction of the Draft Resolution. This includes vetting for language and content.

Note: After the Introduction of a Draft Resolution (See Article 2 below), Delegates may choose to focus debate on the specific Draft Resolution by motioning for a Moderated Caucus on the Draft Resolution. See Section B, Article 6 for more details on motioning for a Moderated Caucus.

Article 2 – Introduction of a Draft Resolution

After the requirements stated in Article 1 above have been met, the chief submitter of the Draft Resolution may motion to Introduce the Draft Resolution to the floor. This Motion can only be raised when debate is on the General Speaker's List. The Motion requires a procedural vote; hence a simple majority is required for the Motion to pass.

Once the Motion has passed, the sponsors of the Draft Resolution will read it out. This will be followed by a five-minute Question and Answer session, where any Delegate may ask the sponsors questions pertaining specifically to the wording of the Resolution. After the five minutes have elapsed, debate will move back into the General Speaker's List.

Delegates may thereafter refer to the Draft Resolution by its designated number. More than one Draft Resolution may be on the floor at any given time. Any Draft Resolution will remain on the floor until debate on that specific Draft Resolution is suspended, or a Resolution has been passed.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to introduce Draft Resolution 1.2."



Article 3 – Amendments

Amendments are proposed changes to specific clauses of the Draft Resolution. Delegates may motion to amend any Draft Resolution on the floor. There are two types of Amendments - Friendly Amendments and Unfriendly Amendments.

Friendly Amendments are changes to a Draft Resolution that have been agreed upon by all Sponsors of said Draft Resolution. No signatories are required, and such Amendments require the approval of the Director first. After approval is given, a Delegate may motion to Introduce a Friendly Amendment. As the Amendment is friendly, no voting is required to pass it. Instead, the Amendment will directly be incorporated into the Draft Resolution. Friendly Amendments can also be used to make linguistic corrections to a clause, such as to correct a spelling or grammatical error.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to Introduce a Friendly Amendment."

Unfriendly Amendments are changes to a Draft Resolution that have not been agreed upon by all sponsors of said Draft Resolution. A Draft Unfriendly Amendment must have been signed by at least 20% of the Committee. This includes both sponsors and signatories. The number of signatories required for each Committee will be made known to Delegates at the start of Committee session. The Unfriendly Amendment also requires the approval of the Director first. After approval has been given, a Delegate may motion to Introduce an Unfriendly Amendment. This can only be done when debate is on the General Speaker's List. The Motion requires a procedural vote; hence a simple majority is needed for the Motion to pass. If the Motion passes, the Director will move debate into a Speaker's List on the proposed Amendment. Regular Rules of Procedure will apply, except that Motions for Moderated Caucuses are not in order, and any Unmoderated Caucus cannot exceed ten minutes.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to Introduce an Unfriendly Amendment."

Delegates may motion to Close Debate on the Unfriendly Amendment after at least one speaker both 'For' and 'Against' the Amendment has spoken. The Director will recognize up to two Delegates who motion against this Motion to speak. A simple majority is required to pass the Motion to Close Debate. If the Motion passes, the debate on the Unfriendly Amendment will close. Debate will then move into voting procedure on the Unfriendly Amendment. The vote is a substantive vote, and therefore a two-third majority is required for the Unfriendly Amendment to pass.

If the Unfriendly Amendment passes and is added to the Draft Resolution, a sponsor may choose to withdraw their support of the Draft Resolution by sending a note to the DAIS.

Section D: Voting Procedures

Article 1 – Procedural and Substantive Voting

There are two types of voting: procedural voting and substantive voting.

A vote on any matter other than Draft Resolutions or Amendments is considered procedural. Every member of the Committee, including non-members, must vote on all procedural motions; no abstentions are allowed. Procedural votes require either a simple or two-thirds majority to pass.

A vote on any Draft Resolution or Amendment is considered substantive. A substantive vote requires a two-thirds majority to pass. Once the Committee closes debate on the Topic Area or Amendment, it will move into substantive voting procedures. The Committee room will be sealed, and no interruptions are allowed. At this time, the only Points and Motions that are in order are Point of Personal Privilege, Point of Order, Point of Parliamentary Inquiry, Reordering Draft Resolutions, Division of the Question, and Motion for a Roll-Call Vote (See Section C, Article 6). If there are no Motions, the Committee will proceed to vote on all Draft Resolutions.

For substantive voting, each Delegate will have one vote. Each vote may be a 'Yes,' 'No,' or 'Abstain.' Abstaining members are not considered to be voting members; therefore, abstentions are not counted in the total number of votes. All matters will be voted upon by a show of placards, unless a Motion for a Roll-Call Vote is accepted. Once a Resolution has passed, voting procedure ends as only one Resolution may be passed per Topic Area.

Article 2 – Roll-Call Vote

When Debate moves into voting procedure on a Draft Resolution, a Delegate may motion to move into Roll-Call Vote. A Motion for a Roll-Call Vote is made by one Delegate and seconded by another. This Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

In a Roll-Call Vote, the Director will call countries in alphabetical order. Delegates may vote 'Yes,' 'No,' or 'Abstain.'

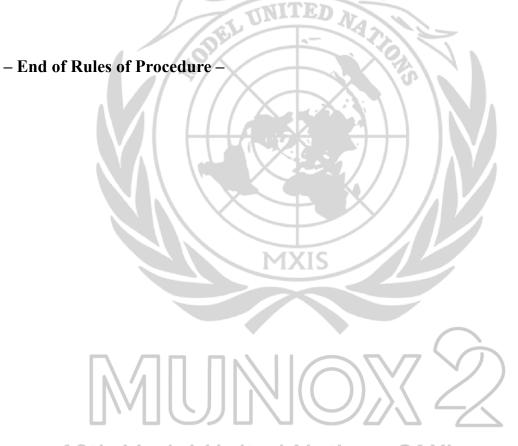
The Director will then announce the outcome of the vote.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to motion to move into Roll-Call vote."

Article 3 - Recording of Multiple Draft Resolution for Voting

When debate moves into voting procedure on a Draft Resolution, a Delegate may motion to Reorder Draft Resolutions. This Motion can only be proposed when there are multiple Draft Resolutions on the same topic. This Motion requires a procedural vote of a simple majority to pass. The Director will take all Motions to Reorder Draft Resolutions and then vote on them according to the order in which they were proposed. Voting will continue until either a Motion passes by receiving a simple majority, or all of the Motions fail, in which case the Committee will move into voting procedure with the Draft Resolutions in their original order. Only one Motion to Reorder Draft Resolutions is in order in each round of voting procedures.

E.g. "This Delegate would like to Motion to record the Draft Resolutions for voting."



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Other Matters

Precedence of Motions

- Motions and Points will be considered in the following order of preference:
- · Point of Personal Privilege
- · Point of Order
- · Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
- Suspension of the Meeting
- Unmoderated Caucus
- Moderated Caucus
- Introduction of a Draft Resolution
- Introduction of an Amendment
- Division of the Question
- Division of the House
- Roll-Call Vote
- · Resumption/Suspension of Debate
- Recording Draft Resolutions
- Adjournment of Meeting

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Summary of Voting on Motions

Substantive Voting	Procedural Voting	Procedural Voting
Two-Thirds Majority Required	Simple Majority Required	Two-Thirds Majority Required
Passing Draft Resolution	Setting the Agenda	Motion to Divide the House
Passing Unfriendly Amendment	Introduction of Draft Resolution	
Division of the Question	Unmoderated/Moderated Caucus	
	Introduction of Unfriendly Amendment	
	Resumption/Suspension of Debate	
	Suspension of Meeting	
	Adjournment of Meeting	
	Roll-Call Vote	
	Recording Draft Resolution	

Draft Resolution Format

The title should be centered, in capital letters, above the body of the Draft Resolution. The title can be as simple as "DRAFT RESOLUTION." On the left margin and two lines below, the title should be the Committee topic name.

Note: The maximum number of sponsors is four.

Body

The Resolution is written in the format of a long sentence, with the following rules:

- 1. The Resolution begins with the General Assembly for all GA committees and with the Economics and Social Council for all ECOSOC committees. Specialized Agencies and the Regional Bodies use their own names as the introductory line. The rest of the Resolution consists of clauses.
- 2. The next section, consisting of preambulatory clauses, describes the problem being addressed, recalled past actions taken, explains the purpose of the Resolution, and offers support for the operative clauses that follow. Each clause in the preamble begins with an underlined word or phrase and ends with a comma.
- 3. Operative clauses are numbered and state the action to be taken by the body. These clauses all begin with present tense, active verbs, which are generally stronger words than those used in the preamble. These verbs are underlined. Each operative clause is followed by a semi-colon except the last, which ends with a period.



Resolution Formatting Guideline

Introductory Phrases:

Affirming	Expressing its	Keeping in mind

Alarmed by appreciation Noting with regret

Expressing its

Approving Satisfaction Noting with deep

Aware of Fulfilling

Bearing in mind

Fully alarmed

Noting with satisfaction

Believing Fully believing Noting further

Confident Further deploring Noting with

Contemplating Further recalling approval

Convinced Guided by Observing

Declaring Having adopted Reaffirming

Deeply concerned Having considered Realizing

Deeply conscious Having considered Recalling

Deeply convinced further Recognizing

Deeply disturbed Having devoted Referring

Deeply regretting attention Seeking

Having examined
Taking into account

Desiring Having heard

Emphasizing th Model United Nations Taking into Having received consideration

Expecting
Having studied
Taking note

E.g. "Bearing in mind to human right issues in refugee camps,"

Operative Clauses:

Accepts Endorses Further recommends

Affirms Expresses it Further requests

appreciation

Approves Further resolves

Expresses its hope
Authorizes

Authorizes Has resolves
Further invites

Calls Notes

Calls upon Proclaims

Designates

Condemns

Reaffirms

Draws the attention
Confirms
Recommends

Congratulates Emphasizes Regrets

Encourages
Considers
Reminds

Declares Endorses Requests

accordingly Expresses its

appreciation Solemnly affirms

Deplores

Expresses its hope

Strongly condemns

Designates

Further invites

Supports

Draws the attention

Further proclaims Takes note of

Emphasizes

Further reminds

Transmits

Encourages Further reminds Transmits
Trusts

E.g. "Calls upon all member states to prioritize the research and development of vaccines;"

Sample Draft Resolution

Committee: World Health Organization

Issue: The Issue of Sanitation for All

Sponsor: (supporters of the Resolution in its entirety and have contributed to it; hope to see

the Draft Resolution passed)

Signatories: (neutral towards the Resolution; wish to see it debated on the floor)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,

Recalling its Resolutions 61/192 of 20 December 2006 on the International Year of Sanitation, 2008, and 65/153 of 20 December 2010 on the follow-up to the International Year of Sanitation, 2008,

Affirming also General Assembly and Human Rights Council Resolutions on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation,

Noting with approval further its Resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010, entitled "Keeping the promise: United to achieve the Millennium Development Goals",

- 1) <u>Decides</u> to designate 19 November as World Toilet Day in the context of Sanitation for All;
- 2) <u>Urges</u> all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders to encourage behavioral change, together with policies for increasing access to sanitation among the poor, complemented by a call to end open defectaion as a practice that is extremely harmful to public health;
- 3) <u>Encourages</u> all Member States, as well as the organizations of the United Nations system and international organizations and other stakeholders, to approach the sanitation issue in a much broader context and to encompass all its aspects, including but not limited to:
 - a. hygiene promotion,
 - b. the provision of basic sanitation services,
 - c. sewerage and wastewater treatment and reuse in the context of integrated water management;

- 4) <u>Invites</u> all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe World Toilet Day in the context of Sanitation for All in an appropriate manner, including through education and activities to raise public awareness on the importance of access to sanitation for all;
- 5) Requests UN-Water, in consultation with relevant entities of the United Nations system, mindful of the provisions of the annex to Economic and Social Council Resolution 1980/67, to facilitate the implementation of World Toilet Day in the context of Sanitation for All, in collaboration with Governments and relevant stakeholders;

6) <u>Decides</u> to remain actively seized of the matter.



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