

Sample #1
Model UN General Assembly Forum

Committee: Economic and Financial

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Subjects: The De-Commodification of the Worlds Water Supply

- 1) Deeply concerned that, in a world where 31 countries and 1 billion
- 2) People lack access to clean water, many of the world's preeminent
- 3) Trade organizations and agreements such as NAFTA, WTO, GATT and
- 4) The proposed FTAA allow water to be bought, sold and traded world wide,

- 5) Also concerned that much of the privatized water supply is sold to third
- 6) World nations, where in so many cases, many individuals cannot afford
- 7) High water prices; thus, water is shut-off to those who cannot afford it,
- 8) Posing many health and safety risks,

- 9) Drawing Attention to the fact the under IMF and World Bank foreign
- 10) Aid stipulations, water is viewed as creating a deficit and demands a
- 11) Country achieve "full cost recovery" for its water; thus a nation wanting
- 12) IMF or World Bank assistance must increase its water rate and
- 13) Eventually privatize its water resources,

- 14) Realizing that water is necessary for the life of a human being and
- 15) Denial of life based on an inability to afford water would be a direct
- 16) Violation of one's human rights,

- 17) Calls upon the General Assembly to enact the following:
 - a) Water is a human right and not a human need, as it is
 - b) Currently classified under the United Nations;
 - c) The classification for aid under IMF and World Bank for the
 - d) Government subsidy of water and the compulsory "full cost
 - e) Recovery" requisite is henceforth abrogated;
 - f) The largest private water providers must engage in a 5-year program of
 - g) De-commodification where in these companies must cede their water sources to the government in the lands where their water lies;
 - h) Those employees of such companies will be given financial assistance if they wish to enter into a new career with new
 - i) Training and/or qualifications under the 2003 fiscal budget of UNESCO;
 - j) The governments of UN member nations must provide
 - k) Accessible, affordable drinking water, which is universal and in the
 - l) Public domain. Those who cannot provide water resources will
 - m) Receive assistance from the United Nations to achieve such a purpose;

- 18) Also Calls Upon all members and participants of NAFTA, the WTO, GATT and

- 19) The potential FTAA to annul all clauses which classify water as a “good”
- 20) “investment” or “service” and urge their nations to engage in the aforementioned
- 21) de-commodification program.