

**Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for All by 2025
Alexandria, December 1-2 2004**

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS

My agreement for a Leaders' G20 initiative means, in my opinion, that the time has come for the international community, as a whole, to endorse and implement an efficient and realistic strategic action plan for safe drinking wa

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Taking into consideration and adopting the declarations, principles, objectives and goals that have been adopted by United Nations General Assembly, Conferences, Summits and Security Council in the last decades, relating to the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation for all, to the reduction of poverty and illiteracy, to the sustainable use of natural resources, to conflict resolution and the promotion of peace and to combating illegal activities, corruption, crime and terrorism;

Considering that we have not yet succeeded to reduce poverty, hunger and inequity among half the world's population, particularly among the poor;

Considering the huge human damages -millions of deaths, billions of frustrated lives- caused by illiteracy, conflicts, poverty, hunger, lack of safe drinking water and sanitation;

Taking into account our Foreign Affairs Ministers' meeting, on the 25th of February 2005 in Geneva, and the adopted agenda for our G20 summit, planned for 2006;

Taking into account the G20 summit preparatory ministerial meetings and international concerned institutions (Finance, Interior, land planning, agriculture, World bank, IMF...) held in Brussels, Cairo, Dakar, Johannesburg, London, New York, Paris, Washington, and the draft Water Action Plan proposed to the approval of

**WE, HEADS OF STATE, MEMBERS OF G-20 GROUP
DECIDE**

We, Heads of State, members of the Leaders' G20, meeting in Marrakech on the 21st and 22nd of February 2006, recognize that lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation is the world's greatest humanitarian, social and developmental challenge to be urgently and adequately addressed.

We, the G20 Leaders, approve the World Wide Water Action Plan, designed by our technical and ministerial committees, to provide safe drinking water and sanitation, especially for eligible developing and less developed countries. The countries' applications will be implemented, as soon as they are accepted by the ad hoc technical and ministerial committees.

We, Heads of State of the developed countries, members of the G20 group, recognize that the ways and approaches that we have tried so far to tackle these challenges have proved inadequate, considering the billions of people still living in non humane conditions, and the catastrophic diverse consequences of this situation for the future of human kind.

We, G20 Heads of State, engage and commit ourselves to promote, in an appropriate and compatible way for each situation, the necessary political changes to lead to democracy, transparency, better governance of public affairs, and to combat corruption and all illegal activities.

We, the G8 members, recognize the inappropriate level of our Official Development Assistance. For the purpose of achieving our objective, to provide safe drinking water and sanitation for all by 2025, we decide to increase our contributions as it has been stated by our Meeting of Ministers of Finance, held in Paris on the 14th and 15th of April 2005.

Our contribution for 2006, as proposed by our Ministers of Finance, is 0.7% of our GNP. According to the financial situation of each State, it will reach a level between 2% to 4% by the year 2010.

We, G20 Heads of State, adopt the specific and multipurpose ministerial and technical meetings proposed, to monitor and assess the implementation programs for safe drinking water and sanitation for all by 2025, and to resolve all conflicts through bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

We, G20 Heads of State, ask the United Nations to adopt the World Wide Water Action Plan and its implementation programs, and to contribute, by all means possible, to help potential applicant countries to meet the eligibility criteria.