



**Preparatory meeting of the United Nations Conference on the  
Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the  
Objectives of the International Decade for Action “Water for  
Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028  
Statement by Brazil**

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Thank you for giving me the floor, Mr. President,  
Excellencies, Distinguished colleagues,  
Brazil supports the statement delivered by Egypt on  
behalf of the cross regional group on water, and  
would like to present some brief additional remarks in  
its national capacity.

Next year, it will be first time since the 1970s that the  
United Nations holds a conference focused on water.  
It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss this  
deeply cross-cutting theme, which goes beyond SDG  
6, as it interlinks with basically all sustainable  
development goals. Water is also key to the

achievement of sustainable development in its three dimensions. While all SDGs must be promoted in an integrated and balanced manner, this is even more relevant in the case of water.

As a general remark, Brazil would like to stress the need to ensure strict adherence to the agreed modalities and scope for next year's Water Conference, as per General Assembly resolution 75/212 and other relevant resolutions concerning the implementation of the international decade for action "Water for Sustainable Development". While voluntary pledges and initiatives from member states and other relevant stakeholders are always welcome, we must recall that the official outcome of the conference will be a summary of proceedings.

In the same vein, this also means that the 2030 Agenda must remain as our common benchmark in guiding us throughout the discussions. The Agenda - including its principles, concepts and approaches - is, after all, our multilaterally agreed on roadmap for achieving sustainable development.

Mr. President,

Concerning the proposed themes for the Interactive Dialogues, Brazil would like to highlight, in particular, the relevance on themes #1 ("Water for Health") and #2 ("Water for Development").

Though this is sometimes neglected, SDG 6 goes beyond water, addressing also sanitation and hygiene. Theme #1, in this sense, strongly interlinks SDG 6 with not only SDG 3 (on health), but with many others, including SDG 1 (on poverty). It is therefore highly opportune to have one specific theme on "Water for Health".

As many developing countries are striving towards scaling up access to adequate and equitable sanitation, strengthened partnerships, cooperation and investments, both public and private, will be key to accelerate the sanitation and water quality-related targets of the 2030 Agenda.

Regarding theme #2, on "Water for Development", it goes without saying that developing countries not

only face the greatest challenges to achieve the SDGs, being also, at the same time, the ones more heavily impacted by the current crises and international shockwaves that are reducing available resources and fiscal space for the much needed bold action to go beyond business as usual. SDG 6 is no different.

Needless to say, in such a challenging context, the mobilization of means of implementation will be crucial to accelerate SDG 6 and other related targets. In this sense, we are a little surprised to notice that not a single mention to SDG 17 is made in the background note when referring to theme #2.

Financial and technical cooperation, as well as exchange of best practices, technology transfer and capacity building in areas such as monitoring of water resources, are the need of the hour to support developing countries efforts to achieve SDG 6 and other water and sanitation-related goals and targets.

We would also like to stress that there are no "one-size-fits all" solutions to the many water challenges that the international community faces. Promoting

cooperation, particularly regional and bilateral approaches, are key to address these challenges taking into due account specific regional features and circumstances concerning this complex issue in different parts of the world.

Count on Brazil's active engagement in the UN 2023 Water Conference next March, when we will be gathered here in New York to jointly assess the implementation of the decade of water action, as it reaches its midpoint.

I thank you.