



H.E. Csaba Kőrösi
President of the United Nations General Assembly
United Nations, New York

Sub: Statement on the Governance Round Table Participation

Firstly, on behalf of the World Youth Group, I congratulate you being elected as the 77th President of the United Nations General Assembly

Dear Excellency,

we thank you for conducting this preparatory meeting of the Water Conference of 2023.

I submit the statement representing my distinguished Parliamentary colleagues and other members of the Committee on SDG 13 of the World Youth Group. Though our priority is on SDG13 Climate Action, which H.E.Amb.Omar Hilale of the Permanent Mission of Morocco is the Chief Advisor, has a provision on resource management. This provision entails using and managing drinking water complying with the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/64/292, recognizing the right to water and sanitation and acknowledges that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights.

Our proposals are:

Governments must take the lead in water management

- including campaigning for water hygiene by investing in water cleaning projects, particularly our natural water resources,
- cultivating rainwater or water harvesting. For this, government can use their unused lands, and assist our farmers in water harvesting,
- and finally investing in developing cost-effective desalination projects for ocean and sea bordering countries and hence expanding the provision of the Water Convention; The Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, to support land-locked countries.

Dear Excellency,

I also share the proposal of my colleague Hon'ble Miguel Matos, Member of Parliament of Portugal, member the Committee on SDG13 of the World Youth Group,

- 'Reuse treated wastewater for irrigating in agriculture and gardens, and also for urban cleaning.'

Dear excellency,

as the world's largest consortium of elected youth leaders, including of the youngest member of Parliament from over 60 countries, I conclude by extending our support for the success of the conference and in implementing the outcomes of the 2023 Water Conference.

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