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Thank you chair for the floor. My name is Lylian Coelho, I'm speaking on behalf of the WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SOLIDARTY ALLIANCE AND TOLERANCE – WASAT

The civil society acknowledges the efforts made and resolutions during the General Assembly on 6 September 2024. We welcome the Government of Senegal and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to support an effective preparation for the Conference and review the progress and the gaps in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6,

Conflict and climate change are causing unprecedented displacement, hunger, water scarcity and destruction. Wars, including in Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine are displacing millions and causing civilian casualties. The themes of the interactive dialogues need to include remarks from observers, particularly those representing the most affected groups: youth, women, and Indigenous Peoples, undermines the legitimacy and effectiveness of the treaty.

We demand your guidance to accelerate, improve and collaborate with partners our commitments, pledges and actions #SDGAction50480 joined in the 2030 Agenda during the UN 2023 Water Conference, supporting, inclusion and a better investment for leadership capacity building programs in countries suffering with strong climate change impact. The creation of a real corporate culture of high-level education and engineering in the perspective in the sector.

Water scarcity is not gender neutral. Women, particularly those in frontline communities, bear disproportionate health and socio-economic burdens due to exposure to toxic chemicals in water and lack of sanitation. The negotiation process must reflect this reality by ensuring their full and meaningful

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participation. A gender-responsive treaty is only possible when women's voices are heard and integrated into decision-making.

We urge member states to:

Guarantee full participation of observers, particularly those from marginalized and frontline communities, in all upcoming sessions.

Ensure implementation and scaling up the high-level Management training and empowerment of Leadership for Women at local, national, regional, and global levels across the water and sanitation sectors.

Adopt a systemic approach that prioritizes human rights, gender equity, and environmental justice in treaty discussions.

Water is the essence of ever living, the essence of life. Without water, there is no life.

Without sanitation there is no dignity. Without diversity, there is no humanity.

Thank you.