



*For the purpose of the international conference held by the Forum for the 21st century, Global Young Greens would like to express their pleasure to attend the Forum and at the same time express its attitude and promoting appropriate steps to secure the future of water towards Draft no. 1 as followed:*

From a pure scientific approach water was one of the basic elements for creating life on planet Earth, among appropriate heat and different chemical substances. Without this source evolution would not have been possible. This theory is mainly based on the knowledge that planets need excessive quantities of water to create life, which is why we are the only planet with visible life on it in the entire solar system.

To secure its balanced distribution, it is inevitable to direct financial incentives and investments into the construction of proper infrastructure, creation of new wells and use the innovative methods of desalination of sea-water for obtaining the fresh water in Small Island Areas and coastal countries, to reach their self-sufficiency and lower the rise of sea-level. Its further research must be supported.

It is favorable to establish Supervisory Authority of global fresh and underground water resources. It would monitor the quantity and quality of the resources so as prevent their depletion, as well as recommend its distribution through fair pricing.

Water is becoming more and more important and also scarce source that gradually penetrate commodity markets. Its use has to drive for more efficiency;

- ✿ First, we support better waste water management in the LDCs provided also by the Authority to be a force against weak legislation in suffering counties and help with funding local waste water treatment plants so secure drinkable water and also protect the environment.
- ✿ Secondly, we intend to lower the amount of water used in industrial and agricultural production, by promoting and supporting R&D of new technologies that have an impact on water consumption. This intention can be supported by various tax reductions, help in funding of research or building of such facilities of producers. By tax arrangements, either by extraction tax or redirection of the taxes to the R&D area and build-up of appropriate facilities of producers.
- ✿ Thirdly, we do not encourage water subsidies, other than social subsidies. The free market with water must be prohibited, the system requires interventions.
- ✿ Fourthly, we consider that the stability of catchments and the health of river systems is paramount, and will work with the people directly affected to stop the degradation of rivers, including new large dams and irrigation projects, and deforestation of catchments.



### **Supervisory Authority**

The Authority should represent each country through one voting voice by country of equal value. The responsibility is bear by mutual cooperation within sectors in the country. The Authority would work on online basis and digital voting system, while it enables better and faster reactions and cooperation among the countries. The digital portal would play also as a forum place for actions, proposals, monitoring and transparent data provision, further consultative, advisory and technician organ, and finally, as structural and organizational element. The personal meeting of the Authority would be held on special occasions or when the situation would require it, by joining other global environmental conferences or summits.

### **Financing**

Our proposition is to direct funds amounting to 1% of the countries GDP to creation of the Fund. Another financial resources would come from 1% from the revenues of transnational corporations, big industries and intensive farming agriculture, all that use the water for their production in greater extent. The Fund, beside the investments into the mentioned build-up of infrastructure, creation of new water resources, monitoring system, or innovation and R&D, would support the local NGO that are already created for this purpose and have experience in this field of expertise.

In conclusion, Global Young Greens believe, that together with other countries we are drawing to mutual understanding of water scarcity and its effective way of use. The existence of adequate management, financial and supervisory mechanism is desirable. GYG expects positive cooperation and favorable outcomes of the Forum 21.