



The People's Republic of China would like to thank the organization for initiating the discussion and organizing the conference on Global Water Issues. At the same time we express our full support towards solving the challenges occurring in the new global scenario. After an indepth analysis of the draft proposed by the Forum for the 21st century let us annotate it and include our suggestions as well.

In the section Notes:

- ✿ Safe drinking water is crucial for people and directly linked to the livelihood of human beings. Providing safe drinking water is the first priority task of the Ministry of Water Resources, representative organ of the PRC in this case.
- ✿ Ministry of Water Resources of China has built cooperation relationships with more than 60 countries, and signed water cooperation agreements and Memorandum of Understandings with over 40 countries. Moreover, MWR participated in more than 40 governmental and non-governmental international water organizations, and actively took part in important international water events, such as, World Water Forum, United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, etc.
- ✿ Since the 10th Five-Year Plan, approximately two billion US Dollar has been borrowed from international financial organizations, namely the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, and used for water project construction to improve the current situation.
- ✿ Ministry of Water Resources also builds good relationship with governmental departments of other countries and closely cooperates with DIFD, AusAID, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management of the Netherlands etc. to implement international cooperation projects in the aspects of integrated water resources management, water demand management, water entitlement and trading, water management reform and capacity building. The total grants for the projects reaches to over 100 million US dollars.



- ✿ The PRC is also the organizer of the international water events in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Resources. The famous water events held in China include the Yellow River Forum, the Yangtze River Forum, Congresses of the International Commission on Large Dams, Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization, Meeting of United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation and Hydropower Today Forum etc.

In the section *Proposes*:

- ✿ The PRC considers proposal of the Forum for the 21st Century, to create a world wide committee that would be dealing with global water issues, as a possible tool in solving problems connected with water. However, the PRC has to express its disagreement with some points of this proposal.

Funding

- ✿ China supports the effort to create a functional enforcing body and is prepared to contribute to its own budget. Nevertheless, the PRC can't agree with the direct share input 1.5% of the GDP of the signing member countries as the Forum proposes and suggests flexible contribution amount of participating countries. Furthermore, a shared input from the World Bank, that has environmental protection in its agenda, as well as the power of its word in the committee should be under discussion of the Conference. The financial participation of TNC amounting to 2% of their net earnings is acceptable.

Representation

- ✿ The proposed model of stable representation can't be accepted since the PRC strongly refuse equal number of seats and equal voting system. The number of seats should be derived from the financial contribution of individual countries. China agrees with daily agenda of representatives as well as with the frequency of meetings of general assembly. Furthermore, China is going to support that kind of proposal, in which the representation of corporations will have only advisory character without any voting right in the general assembly. Moreover, the PRC suggests the princip of rotation of the



general director, which means that every member state should hold presidency for two years

Agenda

Generally, PRC agrees with agenda of the committee, however it is considered as insufficient. Therefore, China would like to broaden this agenda and would like to add another issues and topics worth enough to be discussed.

- ✿ The PRC considers the initiative to fund the local NGOs which deal with the water issues as necessary. What's more the PRC hopes more African countries could tackle water shortages in the future with China's help and proposes to offer consulting services and to help and to build water storage and purification facilities. Thanks to implementation of new technologies, China can contribute to lower the amount of water used in industrial production, promote and support development of new technologies that have an impact on water consumption.
- ✿ China plays a significant role in the water management and supports better wastewater management in LDCs. China can act as a role model for other countries, because since 2009 it has increased its water resources utilization rate by 10 percent. As a major investor and donator, China has a great say in the management of global water resources and therefore calls for improvement in global water management.
- ✿ China suggests the method of desalination from salt water. The PRC is prepared to help funding this project and will boost its efforts to ease water shortages by investing about \$3.1 billion in seawater desalination in the coming five years.
- ✿ PRC strongly supports projects of transporting and delivering potable water through pipes. For this purpose, the priority of chinese authorities is to suggest and to recognize the access to safe drinking water and sanitation as a basic human right.
- ✿ Global climate change has intensified in recent years with extreme weather and disasters following in its wake. Therefore China calls on the international community to highlight



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risk management of water-led disasters and food security by putting in place joint strategies to combat the challenges facing today's world.

The PRC stresses that it is aware of the problems connected with the water and supports all efforts to take part in making the global situation's performance more effective. The PRC is opened to discussions solving the water issues the states have to face in the 21st century.