RESOLUTION: ENV III/B
COUNCIL: Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers
TOPIC: Examining avenues for regional water security within the league over the usage and disputes over shared water resources

Acknowledging the difficulty of allocating the scarce water sources that are in the Middle East North Africa region,

Valuing the sovereignty of members of the Arab League and historical rights to various water resources, and

Noting the potential overuse of these resources and unsustainability thereof,

Be it hereby resolved that the League of Arab States:

1. Creates the Arab Water Resource Allocation Analysis Committee (AWRAAC) tasked with but not limited to the following,
   a. Assessing the needs and access to water resources of all Arab League member states,
   b. Measuring the current consumption rates of member states of their water resources and the environmental strains caused by such consumption,
   c. Analyzing the benefits of and encouraging afforestation efforts,
   d. Creating a detailed plan for the fair and equitable division of water resources among states that share access to river systems, aquifers, etc.,
   e. Studying the responsibilities, functions, and effectiveness of the The Arabian Aquifer System, and
   f. Providing informed advice to member states through the framework described in clause 4;

2. Calls upon the AWRAAC to meet annually at a summit to discuss matters of implementation of studies and shared analysis tools that would allow,
   a. The study of measurements of water intake and checking water quality,
   b. Water structure designs, harmonization, compensation, and harm mitigation,
   c. Joint projects such as investments in other countries’ interests, and
   d. Agreements over implementing the convenient setups (such as departments) for monitoring such projects;

3. Decides that emergency or unscheduled meetings of the AWRAAC will be put into place in the case of, but not limited to,
   a. Unexpected floods,
   b. Dangerous environmental changes related to climate change,
c. Droughts, and
d. Toxic chemical or industrial leaks;

4. **Creates** the Arab League Water Security Framework (ALWSF), which will direct the AWRAAC, with, but not limited to, the following,
   a. Following the model of the Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA)
   b. The creation of a database with the purposes of,
      i. Sharing the information gathered by the AWRAAC in order to,
         1. Educating member states on the aforementioned division of water, and
         2. Involving individual citizens and citizen organizations in promoting responsible water usage, and
      ii. Using aforementioned research to inform individual member states on best practices moving forward,
   c. Advising member states on how to handle water disputes and better cooperate over shared water resources, and
   d. Sharing results with participating member states through an online platform, that can be accessed by the general public for greater awareness of the usage of water resources;

5. **Urges** member-states to take into consideration all information and counsel provided by the AWRAAC via the ALWSF and annual summit meetings;

6. **Requests** that each country elects experienced and qualified researchers to the annual summit in order to,
   a. Collect and analyze data, and
   b. Collaborate with each other and disseminate information gained from the said summit, paying in mind the interests of each state represented; and

7. **Establishes** that funds for these programs come from, but are not limited to,
   a. Willing and able member states, and
   b. Any relevant NGOs and IFBOs.