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International year of freshwater, 2003

The General Assembly,

Recalling provisions of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted at its nineteenth session and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development related to freshwater,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in which the Council recognized the contribution that the celebration of international years could make to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

Recalling further its resolution 53/199 of 15 December 1998 on proclamation of international years,

Taking note of the ongoing work in the United Nations system, as well as by other intergovernmental organizations and major groups on freshwater,

1. *Proclaims* the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater;
2. *Invites* the Subcommittee on Freshwater Resources of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to serve as the coordinating entity for the Year and to develop preliminary proposals on possible activities that could take place at the national, regional and international levels, in particular in the United Nations system, in preparation for and during the Year for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;
3. *Further invites* the Subcommittee, in carrying out the tasks outlined above, to take into account preparations for the forthcoming ten-year review of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and other outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;
4. *Calls upon* Member States, national and international organizations, major groups and the private sector to make voluntary contributions in accordance with the guidelines for international years and anniversaries and to lend other forms of support to the International Year of Freshwater;
5. *Encourages* all Member States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the International Year of Freshwater to increase awareness of the importance of freshwater and to promote action at the local, national, regional and international levels;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a progress report on the preparations for the International Year of Freshwater.