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*Topic: Making Clean Water
Available to Everyone*

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Dear delegates,

UNICEF is pleased to introduce you to this year's 2017 committee, we hope you work hard and enjoy it.

My name is Ana Paula Nava, and I will be your moderator throughout the model. I will teach you the rules and the protocol that you will have to follow the day we present the model. You can always contact the members of the chair through e-mail if you need to ask a question or for anything else regarding the model.

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Dear delegates, my name is Valentina Solis Navarro and I'll be your president for Alexmun 2017. I'm studying first semester in the Bachillerato Alexander Bain. I'll be using my leadership to guide this committee. Any questions you can e-mail me:

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Hello, my name is Jose Pablo Falomir and I will be serving as the political advisor of the UNICEF committee. Currently I am studying my first semester of CCH. Feel free to reach me anytime you wish for any doubts at: jose.falomir@bab.edu.mx

Hello, my name is Roberta Chacon and I will be your conference officer in this model. I am going to help you organize your information as help you have confidence in yourself. In case of doubts contact me at: roberta.chacon@bab.edu.mx

Sincerely,

The UNICEF committee

Keywords:

- Clean water: it is the type of water that has all impurities removed naturally or chemically.
- Developing countries: are countries that have a low human development and low industrial base.
- Communities: group of people that have certain characteristics in common.
- Available: at someone's disposal.

Introduction to the issue:

Every living being needs water in order to survive. For example, the human body is made up of 70% water; without water humans can't survive, which is why water is vital for us and it's important that everyone has access to it.

WATER FACT: According to your book, a person can live for weeks without food, but only a few days without water. The human brain is 75 percent water. Blood has even more water in it, and even our bones are 20 percent water. No wonder we need to drink so often!

Water is important both for drinking and for personal hygiene; we use water everyday to shower, wash our hands, brush our teeth, wash our clothes and many other things. Lack of water can be deadly, not only because we need it to survive, but because not drinking it can cause diseases such as cholera, typhoid fever, and other illnesses. Likewise, the lack of clean water causes some communities to use dirty water for activities such as cleaning clothes, dishes and showering, which can also lead to these diseases. Unfortunately, not every country has access to clean water

Here are a few reasons why there is no clean water in some places:

- There are some developing countries who don't have the economic resources to purify water.
- There is quite a system that makes water go from reserves to your home and is by pipes. These are very expensive to build and install in every home. Forty-three percent of the world's population (that's almost three billion people) do not have water taps in their houses or even nearby.
- Pollution
- Poverty
- Arid climate

- Climate change

Some examples of countries who have water scarcity are: Cambodia, Afghanistan, Laos, Haiti, India, Rwanda and many others.

Due to this, we need to find options and ways to help provide clean water to those in need of it.

Development of the issue:

Some have blamed global warming and climate change for the water shortage in some parts of the world, but the truth is that water shortage is caused mainly by the increased pollution due to excessive human consumption. Also, water shortage is caused by some economic problems that countries have (they cannot give sufficient water resources to the people). These countries are underdeveloped, and do not have the infrastructure needed to maintain a constant supply of clean water. Uneven distribution of water is also a problem in which governments are to be blamed for the water shortage.

There are some organizations currently working on water shortage like "Drop in the Bucket", "Water can", "Charity: Water", "Water is Life", etc. Most of these organizations are working in campaigns that promote people to contribute to the solving of the problem by either donating money to help the affected communities, or just promoting good behavior and a responsible attitude while using water to promote awareness about the topic. In some places, local people used managed the water supplies and reserves, but now a day's big companies or organizations manage them, often doing so poorly or unjustly.

Some of the most affected countries by the water shortage issue:

- Yemen
- Libya
- Jordan
- Western Sahara
- Djibouti

The common consequences around the world because of water shortage are:

- More fire hazard zones
- Poorer communities
- Global increase in temperature
- Lack of development in some communities

- Diseases and grave medical conditions
- Death

The United Nations Children Fund has the objective of ensuring that every child's rights are respected and fulfilled. The right to life, water, and a healthy and fulfilling life are all put at risk when there is no access to clean water. As a safeguard of children rights, your responsibility as delegates is to find a solution to this problem, so that every child can have a life worth living.

Topics to be addressed:

The following are some topics you should consider in your research, as well as during the debate:

- The challenges of providing clean water. What are the major roadblocks in making clean water available to everyone?
- Different countries capabilities to aid in the problem. Is your country one of the affected countries, or one of the helping countries? What is the best way for developed countries to help in the solving of this problem?
- The risks of not having clean water? What are some of the major risks of not having clean water, other than the ones addressed in this guide?
- What are some ways to solve this problem? Use your creativity and research to come up with viable, creative and smart solutions to this problem.

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