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Human Rights Council  
Geneva

### **Consultation on Private Sector Participation in the delivery of water and sanitation services and the Right to Water and Sanitation.**

Dear Madam,

The members of our Federation provide water and sanitation services as mandated and regulated by governments. As you know, these private operators have supported the Right to Water and Sanitation for many years.

Since you focus your next report deliberately on private water operators, as mentioned in our letter dated February 5, 2010 we would like to contribute to your Consultation on Private Sector Participation in the delivery of water and sanitation services and the Right to Water and Sanitation with the attached written submission..

Please find attached parts 1 and 2. These are entitled:

Part 1 - Contribution of private water operators to the Right to Water and Sanitation

Part 2 - The roles of governments in relation to the different water operators with respect to the Right to Water and Sanitation

We will submit a complement next week.

We trust that your careful examination of all these matters will convince you to report to the Human Rights Council that private water operators contribute to make the Right to Water and Sanitation effective. We also believe that your conclusions should avoid discriminating against Private Water Operators as compared to the other types of operators with respect to the obligations imposed on them by public authorities in relation to the Right to Water and Sanitation. Any specific requirement on a private operator in this respect, for the sole reason that it is private, would have no foundation or justification and would be discriminatory.

Best regards,



Gérard Payen  
President

Encl. Part 1 with attachments, Part 2

cc. AquaFed Members' Presidents and Chief Executives