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Review of water and sanitation decisions made by CSD13
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Afternoon Plenary Meeting – Commenting the Chair’s Summary distributed at 17:45 - May 13, 2008

Statement by MAJOR GROUP “Business and Industry” after a first reading of the “Chair’s Summary”

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Mr. Chairman,

I do not know whether I make a diplomatic error and I would like to apologize if it is so. Thank you in any case for this opportunity.

I'm a water man and would like to concentrate my comments on the Water & Sanitation sections of this report (the Chair's summary, distributed on May 13, at 17:45). But my colleagues have asked me to draw your attention to paragraph 236, [...] which states “use” and we believe it should be [deaths by fertilizer misuse]

Over the past 2 days, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY have stressed the need for acceleration of progress and more ambition with objectives. We do not see clear enough signs of either in this report. We would like to advance some suggestions that go in the direction of what numerous speakers and delegations have stressed over the last days.

Suggestions that go in the direction of acceleration and ambition:

1. Strong and clear recognition of the Right to Water **and Sanitation**.
2. Strong commitment to Sanitation and to “Integrated Sanitation Management” (ISM¹)
3. Reinforcement of the “Joint Monitoring Programme” and alignment of national and international targets and monitoring
4. More scope for meaningful engagement for local governments
5. Finally it is essential to include serious discussion of sustainable finance for water and sanitation services which should include Sustainable Cost Recovery as identified by the Camdessus Report and the Gurria Panel.

Thank You.

¹ Integrated Sanitation Management – ISM, as defined by AquaFed in its Plenary statement of May 12, 2008 to the UN-CSD16, available from www.aquafed.org