

## ENVIRONMENT: The governments of the world agreed on...

"... (We) recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for him(her)self and his(her) family, including adequate food, clothing and housing..."

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11, 1966.

"We resolve... to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people... who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water... By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers as proposed in the 'Cities Without Slums' initiative."

Millennium Declaration, Paragraph 19, 2000.

### HUMAN RIGHTS:

The right to an adequate environment is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25 CEDAW - Art. 14  
CESCR - Art. 11

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Environment is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goal 7  
World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 12  
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

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○	Afghanistan	—		8		13		●	Cook Islands	105	95	100	→	94	95	●		
●	Albania	76		89		97	97	●	Costa Rica	54		92			97	●		
●	Algeria	69	88	92	→	95	87	←	●	Côte d'Ivoire	133	31	40	→	69	84	→	
●	Andorra	—	100	100	●	100	100	●	●	Cuba	28	98	98	●		91	●	
○	Angola	—	30	30	●	32	50	→	●	Cyprus	17	100	100	●	100	100	●	
●	Antigua and Barbuda	—		95			91		●	Denmark	6				100	100	●	
—	Argentina	53		82			94		○	Djibouti	114	48	50	●	78	80	●	
—	Armenia	51		84			92		●	Dominica	75		83			97	●	
●	Aruba	—				100	100	●	○	Dominican Republic	100	48	57	→	86	93	→	
●	Australia	28	100	100	●	100	100	●	○	Ecuador	109	56	72	→	69	86	→	
●	Austria	6	100	100	●	100	100	●	○	Egypt	94	54	68	→	94	98	→	
○	Azerbaijan	103		55		66	77	→	○	El Salvador	115	51	63	→	67	82	→	
●	Bahamas	60	100	100	●		97		○	Equatorial Guinea	154		53			44	○	
○	Bangladesh	159	23	48	→	71	75	→	○	Eritrea	141	8	9	●	40	57	→	
●	Barbados	37	100	99	●	100	100	●	○	Ethiopia	161	4	6	●	25	22	←	
●	Belarus	37				100	100	●	●	Fiji	61	98	98	●			●	
○	Belize	89		47			91		●	Finland	1	100	100	●	100	100	●	
○	Benin	126	11	32	→	60	68	→	●	French Polynesia	—	98	98	●	100	100	●	
○	Bhutan	139		70			62		○	Gabon	106		36			87	○	
○	Bolivia	110	33	45	→	72	85	→	○	Gambia	138		53			82	○	
●	Bosnia and Herzegovina	—		93			98	98	●	○	Georgia	78		83			76	○
○	Botswana	88	38	41	→	93	95	●	●	Germany	6				100	100	●	
○	Brazil	82	70	75	→	83	89	→	●	Chana	142	43	58	→	54	79	→	
●	British Virgin Islands	—	100	100	●		98	98	●	●	Grenada	83	97	97	●		95	●
●	Bulgaria	41	100	100	●	100	100	●	○	Guadeloupe	—		64			98	○	
○	Burkina Faso	132	13	12	●	39	51	→	○	Guam	—	99	99	●	100	100	●	
○	Burundi	156	44	36	←	69	79	→	○	Guatemala	131	50	61	→	77	95	→	
○	Cambodia	153		16			34		○	Guinea	140	17	13	←	42	51	→	
●	Cameroon	134	21	48	→	50	63	→	○	Guinea-Bissau	151		34			59	○	
●	Canada	28	100	100	●	100	100	●	○	Guyana	108		70			83	○	
○	Cape Verde	89		42			80		○	Haiti	—	15	34	→	53	71	→	
○	Central African Republic	—	23	27	→	48	75	→	○	Honduras	130	49	68	→	83	90	→	
○	Chad	162	6	8	●	20	34	→	●	Hungary	35		95			99	99	●
○	Chile	22	85	92	→	90	95	→	○	Iceland	1				100	100	●	
○	China	81	23	44	→	70	77	→	○	India	128	12	30	→	68	86	→	
○	Colombia	93	82	86	→	92	92	●	○	Indonesia	102	46	52	→	71	78	→	
○	Comoros	129	23	23	●	89	94	→	○	Iran, Islamic Rep.	80	83	84	●	91	93	●	
○	Congo, Dem. Rep.	—	18	29	→	43	46	→	○	Iraq	121	81	80	●	83	81	●	
○	Congo, Rep.	—		9			46		○	Israel	17				100	100	●	

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●	Jamaica	73	75	80	→	92	93		●	Qatar	57	100	100		100	100	
●	Japan	1	100	100		100	100		○	Romania	65		51				57
●	Jordan	42		93		98	91	←	●	Russian Federation	—	87	87		94	96	
●	Kazakhstan	54	72	72		86	86		○	Rwanda	160	37	41	→	58	73	→
○	Kenya	—	42	48	→	45	62	→	●	Samoa	50	98	100		91	88	←
○	Kiribati	—	25	39	→	48	64	→	○	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	116		24				79
○	Korea, Dem. Rep.	—		59		100	100		—	Saudi Arabia	67						90
○	Korea, Rep.	6					92		○	Senegal	124	35	52	→	66	72	→
○	Kyrgyzstan	—		60			76		○	Serbia and Montenegro	—	87	87		93	93	
○	Lao PDR	155		24			43		○	Seychelles	—						87
●	Lebanon	56		98		100	100		○	Sierra Leone	—		39				57
○	Lesotho	137	37	37			76		●	Slovakia	57	100	100		100	100	
○	Liberia	145	38	26	←	56	62	→	○	Solomon Islands	—		31				70
○	Libya	—	97	97		71	72		○	Somalia	—		25				29
●	Luxembourg	49				100	100		○	South Africa	96	63	67	→	83	87	→
○	Madagascar	144	12	33	→	40	45	→	○	Sri Lanka	—	70	91	→	68	78	→
○	Malawi	148	36	46	→	41	67	→	●	St. Kitts and Nevis	66	96	96		99	99	
●	Malaysia	73		96			95		●	St. Lucia	57		89		98	98	
○	Maldives	113		58		99	84	←	○	Sudan	110	33	34		64	69	→
○	Mali	143	36	45	→	34	48	→	●	Suriname	91		93				92
●	Malta	17				100	100		○	Swaziland	118		52				52
○	Marshall Islands	95	75	82	→	96	85	←	●	Sweden	1	100	100		100	100	
○	Mauritania	120	28	42	→	41	56	→	●	Switzerland	6	100	100		100	100	
●	Mauritius	33	99	99		100	100		○	Syrian Arab Republic	97	76	77		79	79	
○	Mexico	85	66	77	→	80	91	→	○	Tajikistan	103		53				58
○	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	—	30	28		87	94	→	○	Tanzania	125	47	46		38	73	→
○	Moldova	63		68		92	92		●	Thailand	45	80	99	→	81	85	→
○	Mongolia	70		59		62	62		○	Timor-Leste	—		33				52
○	Morocco	112	57	61	→	75	80	→	○	Togo	135	37	34	←	49	51	
○	Mozambique	150		27		42			○	Tonga	79	97	97		100	100	
○	Myanmar	136	21	73	→	48	80	→	●	Trinidad and Tobago	45	100	100		92	91	
○	Namibia	98	24	30	→	58	80	→	○	Tunisia	70	75	80	→	77	82	→
○	Nepal	157	12	27	→	69	84	→	○	Turkey	83	84	83		81	93	→
●	Netherlands	6	100	100		100	100		○	Turkmenistan	—		62				71
—	New Zealand	6				97			●	Turks and Caicos Islands	—		96				100
○	Nicaragua	127	47	66	→	69	81	→	○	Tuvalu	—	78	88	→	91	93	
○	Niger	158	7	12	→	40	46	→	○	Uganda	146	43	41		44	56	→
○	Nigeria	146	39	38		49	60	→	●	Ukraine	42	99	99			98	
●	Niue	—	100	100		100	100		●	United Arab Emirates	42	100	100				
●	Northern Mariana Islands	—	84	94	→	98	98		●	United States of America	22	100	100		100	100	
●	Norway	1				100	100		●	Uruguay	52		94				98
○	Oman	48	83	89	→	77	79		○	Uzbekistan	—	58	57		89	89	
○	Pakistan	152	38	54	→	83	90	→	○	Vanuatu	99		50		60	60	
○	Palau	77	66	83	→	80	84	→	○	Venezuela	72		68				83
○	Panama	86		72			91		○	Viet Nam	87	22	41	→	72	73	
○	Papua New Guinea	122	45	45		39	39		●	West Bank and Gaza	67		76				94
○	Paraguay	107	58	78	→	62	83	→	○	Yemen	149	21	30	→	69	69	
○	Peru	101	52	62	→	74	81	→	○	Zambia	123	41	45	→	50	55	→
○	Philippines	117	54	73	→	87	85		○	Zimbabwe	119	49	57	→	77	83	→

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 CESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
 CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Sources:  
 Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply & Sanitation, UNICEF and WHO, (www.wssinfo.org/).

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