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**A Declaration of
Non Governmental Organizations
Supporting the Rehabilitation and the
Sustainable Development of the
Jordan River**

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Supporting the UN resolutions recognizing the human right to water that entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses;

Stressing that good water governance is a condition for peace, security, prosperity, poverty eradication and the access to safe drinking water, sanitation, food and health;

Affirming that nature protection, biodiversity conservation and the preservation of ecosystem services is of utmost importance for the survival of human being and all other species;

In recognition of the resolutions of the Senate of the United States of America (*S.RES 387*) and of the European Parliament (*P7_TA(2010)0314*) on the degradation of the Jordan River, the representatives of local, national and international non governmental organizations and other civil society groups listed below, hereby make the following Declaration.

The non governmental organizations co-signing this declaration, [...]

Recognize the Jordan River as a cultural landscape of universal significance with great historic, symbolic, religious, environmental, agricultural and economic importance in the Middle East and beyond;

Express deep concern about the diversion of 96% of the Lower part of the Jordan River's water flow, as well as the dumping and leakage of untreated or poorly treated sewage into the river for over 50 years from Israeli, Jordanian, and Palestinian communities;

Call attention to the demise of the unique heritage of the Jordan River;

Stress that the issue of water management, in particular the fair distribution of water in keeping with the needs of all communities living in the region, is of utmost importance for lasting peace and stability in the Middle East;

Stress the need to implement responsible, participatory and sustainable integrated water resource management in order to significantly reduce water pollution and increase water quality of the Lower part of the Jordan River;

Support the implementation of the Regional NGO Master Plan: A Vision for the Lower Jordan River, a comprehensive master planning program to rehabilitate the Lower part of the Jordan River;

Urge all actors to support national governments to ensure access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all communities living in the Jordan Valley;

Call upon the Governments of Jordan, Israel and Palestine to work in a spirit of cooperation in order to save the Jordan River and to ensure access to safe water to all people living in the region;

Call upon international and national stakeholders to engage developing sustainable water usage in the Jordan Valley.

This Declaration is presented by Global Nature Fund, on behalf of the consortium,

Global Nature Fund, Germany

Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden

EcoPeace / Friends of the Earth Middle East, Palestine, Israel and Jordan



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Africa

- ❖ Biraturaba, *Burundi*
- ❖ Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD), *Uganda*

America

- ❖ Asociación Vivamos Mejor, *Guatemala*
- ❖ Centro de Desarrollo Ambiental y Social (CEDAS), *Peru*
- ❖ Fundación Humedales, *Colombia*
- ❖ Fundación Moisés Bertoni (FMB), *Paraguay*
- ❖ Fundación Montecito, *Colombia*
- ❖ Fundación Oxígeno, *Costa Rica*
- ❖ Wildsight, *Canada*

Asia

- ❖ Baikal Information Centre (GRAN), *Russia*
- ❖ Centre for Research on New International Economic Order (CRenIEO), *India*
- ❖ EMACE, *Sri Lanka*
- ❖ Fisheries Action Coalition Act (FACT), *Cambodia*
- ❖ Friends of the Seven Lakes Foundation Inc. (FSLF), *Philippines*
- ❖ Promotion Association for Mountain-River-Lake Sustainable Development of Jiangxi Province (MRLSD), *China*
- ❖ United Movement of Mongolian Rivers and Lakes (UMMRL), *Mongolia*

Australia

- ❖ Green Skills Inc., *Australia*

Europe

- ❖ Aktionsprogramm zur Sanierung oberschwäbischer Seen (SOS), *Germany*
- ❖ Asociación de Fundaciones Privadas de Conservación de la Naturaleza (AFN), *Spain*
- ❖ Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (DUH), *Germany*
- ❖ Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR), *Germany*
- ❖ EuroNatur – European Nature Heritage Fund, *Germany*
- ❖ European Network for Sustainable Tourism Development (ECOTRANS e.V.), *Germany*
- ❖ Fundación Global Nature (FGN), *Spain*
- ❖ Fundación Internacional para la Restauración de Ecosistemas (FIRE), *Spain*
- ❖ Fundación Para La Conservación Del Quebrantahuesos (FCQ), *Spain*
- ❖ Grup Balear d'Ornitologia i Defensa de la Naturalesa (GOB), *Spain*
- ❖ Lake Balaton Development Coordination Agency (LBDCA), *Hungary*
- ❖ Lake Constance Foundation, *Germany*
- ❖ Lake Vortsjärvi Fisheries Development Agency, *Estonia*
- ❖ Legambiente, *Italy*
- ❖ Lurgaia Foundation, *Spain*
- ❖ Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczne (Etna), *Poland*
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