

# International Committee for the World Water Contract

## Access to water is a fundamental human right

The World Water Manifesto (PORTUGAL) was written in September 1998 in Lisbon by the International Committee for the World Water Contract chaired by Mario Soares and created at the initiative of Riccardo Petrella. In 1998 took away the "international campaign for the World Water Contract. The manifesto is based on four key fundamental ideas: A) irreplaceable source of life, the water must be considered a shared asset of mankind and other living organisms. B) Access to water, drinking water in particular, is a human right and social imperative that should be guaranteed to all human beings regardless of race, age, gender, class, income, nationality, religion, local availability of fresh water. C) the funding necessary to ensure cost effective access to all human beings, insufficient quantity and quality of life, must be borne by society, according to the rules laid down by it, usually via taxation and other sources of public revenue. D) The same applies to the service management of water (pumping, distribution, treatment) property management and services is a matter of democracy. It is basically a matter of citizens and not (only) of distributors and consumers.



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