***POSITION PAPER***

***Water, one of the indispensable elements of life, has been at the forefront of the agenda of the world public opinion and international and regional organizations including the United Nations (UN) in recent years.***

 ***This situation stems from the difficulties encountered in meeting the rapidly increasing water demand and the expectation and concern that the water shortage will turn into a water crisis in many regions in the next 20-25 years. Available data show that these concerns are not unfounded. It is estimated that the crisis may reach serious dimensions in some regions and especially in the Middle East.***

***In the 20th century, the use of water resources has increased sixfold, despite the threefold increase in the world's population. At the same time, while some of the limited water resources are consumed rapidly and unconsciously as a result of industrialization and rapid urbanization, some of them have become polluted and unusable and cause harm to the environment.***

***As a result, more than 1 billion people in the world currently lack clean drinking water. More than 2 billion people do not have the water necessary for health and hygiene.***

***1 billion people on earth make an average of 6 hours of water travel for the water that we can reach at any time in our homes. Moreover, most of the time this water is not even clean and drinkable. According to the United Nations, a child dies every 9 seconds due to contaminated water. More than half of those who cannot use clean drinking water live on the African continent.***

***Greece also ranks 26th among the countries that have experienced water shortage in recent years.***

***Since Greece has small islands independent of the land, the fresh water coming to its own country is also transported to the islands by tankers.***

***Therefore we have to transport our clean and drinkable water into islands due to they do not have any pure water expect salty water which is coming from the sea.***

***For that Greek water are assumed to decrease in the coming years.***

***Therefore, Greece supports the issue of clean water both for its own country and for other countries experiencing water scarcity and does its best. Besides, since Greece wants to improve its relations with foreign countries, it is ready to support and donate projects to be established in Africa and other water-scarce countries.***

***On this issue, I believe that together with other countries, we can find a solution to the world's water scarcity and solve this problem.***