Dear Friends,

Thank you to all of your organizations for supporting the global call for the human right to water and sanitation (HRTWS) to be explicitly named in the political Declaration of the <u>Post-2015 Development</u> <u>Agenda</u>. You will be pleased to learn that you stand in solidarity with 621 organizations that have supported this call! (See letter attached.)

The signatory map speaks for itself!

This overwhelming response sends a very strong and convincing message to Member States to include the HRTWS in the Declaration.

Today we sent a copy of this letter to all UN Ambassadors and Missions, relevant UN Agencies, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation. The timing of this call is critical as we hope it will influence the draft Declaration expected at the end of May.

If the HRTWS <u>does</u> make it into the draft Declaration, we will advocate for it to remain there as negotiations continue. If it <u>does not</u> make it into the draft, we will advocate vigorously for its inclusion and ask you to continue your advocacy at the national level as well. The formal negotiations on draft texts (called Zero Drafts) for the Post 2015 Development Agenda, including the Declaration, will commence the week of June 22, 2015.

In the coming weeks you can expect an update from us on:

- 1) The status of the HRTWS within the Zero Draft of the Declaration.
- 2) A list of key Member States to contact to lobby for its inclusion, including some specific advocacy and social media opportunities.
- 3) The outcome of the June negotiations and any immediate advocacy opportunities prior to the final two weeks of negotiations of the Zero Draft of the Declaration beginning July 20, 2015.

Here's how you can continue to support this campaign:

- 1. Call, meet, write, fax or email the government representative in your country working on Post-2015 with a copy of this letter with the 606 organization signatures. [Translations in Spanish, French and Portuguese][Ambassador list]
- 2. Please continue to engage with us on social media (Facebook: Post-2015 Human Right to Water and Sanitation/ Twitter: @HRtoH2O)Tweet at the UN and at your country representatives, urging them to include the HRTWS in the Post-2015 Declaration, using #DeclareHRTWS
 - 3. Follow our updates and support any immediate advocacy actions proposed

Thanks again for your support and for the great work you do around the world.

Post-2015/SDG Global Water Justice Campaign Organizers

