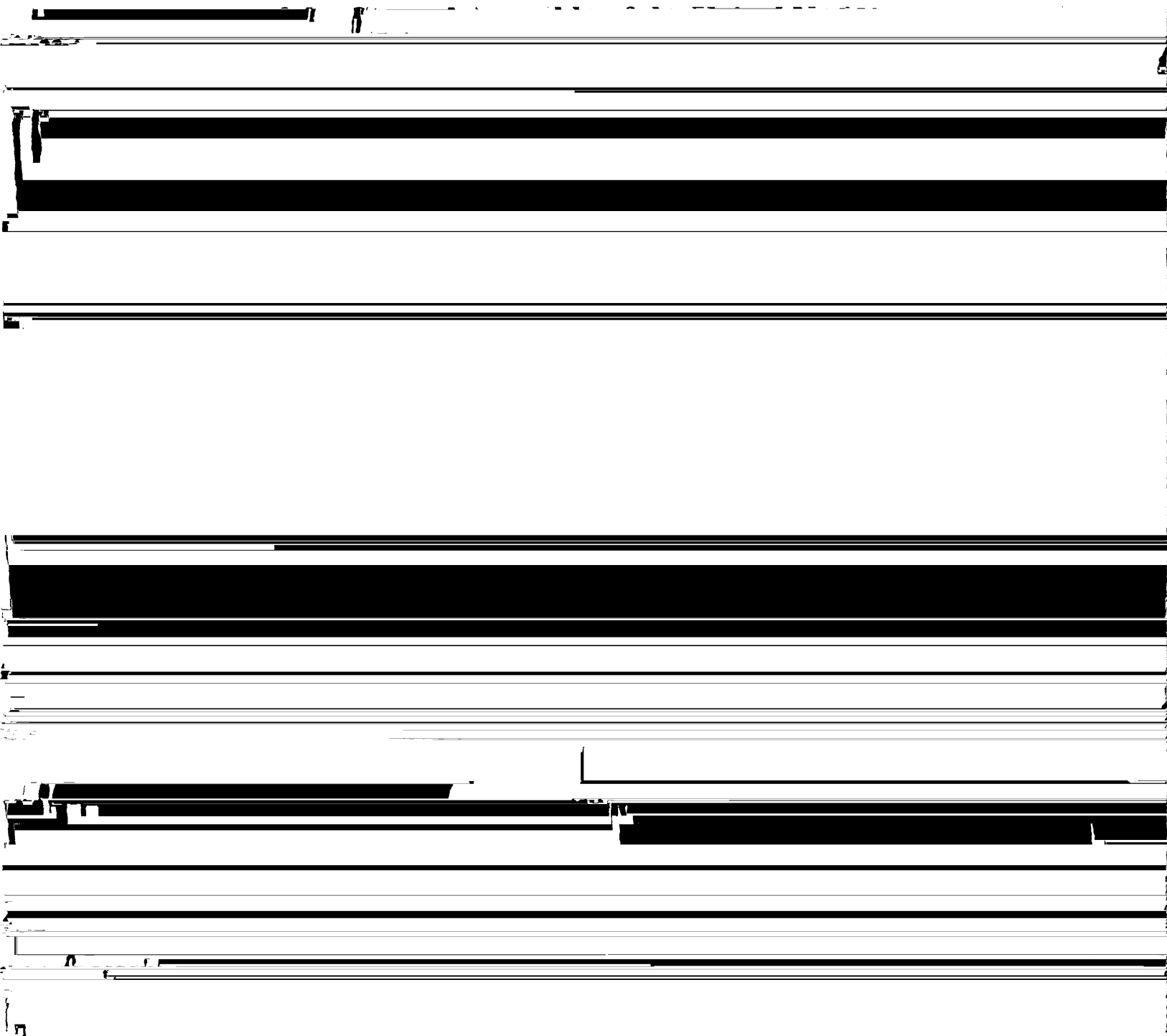


**Statement on behalf of
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden**

74th Session



Madam Chair,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of Finland, Norway, Iceland, Sweden - and
my own country Denmark

According to the report of the Secretary-General (E/2019/68) "Special edition:
progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals" from 8 May 2019 billions
of people still lack access to safe water.

Approximately one third of all countries have medium or high levels of water
stress and indications of serious difficulties in the supply of freshwater

Madam Chair,

Having followed the matter for nearly a decade, we notice that a number of states have developed bilateral and regional agreements and arrangements on transboundary aquifers. One example is the Guarani Aquifer Agreement between

Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

This development is positive, and we would like to use this opportunity to recognize States that have made such agreements and arrangements to the benefit of their communities and the environment. We recommend that all States, where