Water is a precondition for life, and therefore, for the enjoyment of all human rights. To date, access to safe drinking water and sanitation is still a major challenge in many parts of the world. Climate change and pollution are putting already stretched water resources and services under further threat. Lack or unequal access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation services disproportionately impact persons in vulnerable situations, especially girls and women. There is an urgent need for States to fast-track progress on SDG Target 6.2 and ensure safe and clean drinking water and sanitation services, including menstrual hygiene management (WASH facilities) for women and girls, and in doing so also honour their obligation to ensure equality and non-discrimination.
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