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POSITION OF ROMANIA REGARDING WATER FLOW CRISES WORLDWIDE



General information

The Danube is of major significance to Romania with the country's land area being almost entirely within the Danube basin. The Romanian Danube is also an end carrier of all wastewater discharges from all countries along the Danube into the Black Sea. Its growing agricultural sector has put more strain on the quality of water through runoff fertilisers and pesticides. A low rate of wastewater treatment and significant freshwater loss compound the issue. Furthermore, the expansion of urban centers in flood prone areas increases Romania's exposure from extreme climate events. The severe drop in water discharge along the Danube river threatens Romania's Agriculture, Fishing industry and Nuclear power plant, the country's primary source of electricity. Currently Romania is receiving European funding for water infrastructure and service development.

Position on the matter

A large portion of Romania's water resources comes from the Danube river causing high exposure risk to any disruptions of Danube's waterflow. Furthermore as the most downstream nation of the Danube, Romania's water access and quality is significantly affected by Nations more upstream.

Proposed solutions

Romania is likely to propose regulations safeguarding water access and quality for downstream Nation States, as they are directly affected by other Nations usage of the water. However they might not want to be too stringent on regulation of runoff fertilizers and pesticides as they use these as well.

Potential Blocks

Romania's allies can be found in the other Downstream Nation's, as well to the more amenable European Nations as the EU addresses this issue.

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