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# POSITION OF RUSSIA REGARDING WATER FLOW CRISES WORLDWIDE



## General information

Russia's major rivers include the Ob, Volga, Yenisey, Lena, and Amur. The Volga serves primarily as a shipping route and also has a huge dam reservoir about 540 km long. The Yenisey and Lena are used for hydropower, water supply, fishing, and navigation; the Lena lies entirely within Russia, while the Yenisey flows through Russia and has tributaries draining Mongolia. The Amur forms part of the Russia–China border and has at times been a minor source of tension between the two countries. The Ob also has tributaries in Kazakhstan. In addition, Russia has an ongoing water dispute with Ukraine over use of the Dnieper in Ukraine, and a dam on the river was destroyed in recent years.

## Position on the matter

Regulations are fragmented: no trilateral Irtysh agreement exists, and China's bilateral deals with Kazakhstan lack enforceable flow limits. Russia weakly enforces Amur pollution rules. The Kakhovka dam's destruction has weaponized Dnieper infrastructure—Russia and Ukraine trade blame—flooding settlements and threatening irrigation and nuclear safety. A binding, basin-wide framework with shared monitoring is urgently needed.

## Proposed solutions

A delegate representing Russia may want to blame Ukraine for the Kakhovka dam's destruction. You may not argue about the war in Ukraine as is, as that goes outside of the scope of ECOSOC. Nevertheless, a delegate representing Russia may want to push for rules to favour water access to Crimea, as long as the war in Ukraine is not mentioned.

## Potential Blocks

Russia may attempt forming a block with the former central Asian Member states of the Soviet Union, in this specific case, with Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Beyond this, Russia may want to try to find alliances with China or Sudan. Meanwhile, tensions will definitely arise with western countries over Ukraine's water resources. You will thus definitely have to fight the positions pushed by the delegates representing France, the United Kingdom, the United States, but also Canada, Romania and Germany.

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