

**DECISION OF THE PRIME MINISTER ON  
the establishment of the Standing Committee  
on National RWSS Target Program**

**THE PRIME MINISTER**

- Pursuant to the Law of Government Organisation dated 25 Dec 2001;
- Based on the Decision No.104/2000/QĐ-Ttđ dated 25 Aug. 2000 by the Prime Minister approving the National Strategy on RWSS up to 2020;
- Based on the Decision No.71/2001/QĐ-Ttđ dated 04 May 2001 by the Prime Minister on National Target Programs in the period of 2001 – 2005.
- Based on the Decision No. 42/2002/QĐ-Ttđ dated 19 March 2002 of the Prime Minister on management and coordination of National Target Programs.
- Considering the Proposal of the Minister of MARD and other relevant line-ministries.

**DECIDES**

**Article 1:** To establish the National Standing Committee on RWSS in the period from 2000 – 2005 to assist the Prime Minister in organising, directing and implementing uniformly the two tasks to ensure clean rural water supply and environmental sanitation under the National Target Program on RWSS (Hereinafter referred to as the **Program**) and the National Rural Water supply and environmental sanitation upto 2020 (Hereinafter referred to as the **Strategy**) which was approved by the Prime Minister under Decision No.104/2000/QĐ-Ttđ dated 25 August 2000.

Members of the Standing Committee in the period of 2000 – 2005 comprise of :

- Mr. Le Huy Ngo – Minister of MARD : Chairman.
- Mr. Nguyen Dinh Thinh – Vice Minister of MARD : Standing Vice Chairman.
- Mr. Nguyen Van Thuong – Vice Minister of MoH : Vice Chairman.
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan – Vice Minister of MoF : Vice Chairman.

Other Standing members representing different institutions are :

- Representative of MARD : Executive Secretary
- Mr. Pham Khoi Nguyen – Vice Minister of MOSTE.
- Mr. Bui Van Duc – Deputy General Director of General Department of Hydrometeorology.
- Mr. Nguyen Kim Thanh - Major General, Deputy Commander, Ministry of Defense.
- Mr. Nguyen Quoc An – Chief of Social Department, Vietnamese Farmers' Association.
- Mr. An Dinh Doanh – Deputy Chief of Rural Youth Union Dept., Vietnamese Youth Union.
- Ms. Tran Thi Hong – Deputy Chief of Propaganda and Training Department, Vietnamese Women Union.
- Mr. Vuong Xuan Chinh, Vice Director of Agriculture and Rural Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment.
- Mr. Ninh Duc Nhuan, Vice Director of Science and Technology Department, MOET.
- Representatives from Ministry of Industry.
- Representatives from Ministry of Construction.

MARD should work with relevant ministries and institutions to finalise the list of members of the Standing Committee on the National RWSS by the 05 Aug. 2002 at the latest.

The Minister of MARD - the leading agency in the implementation of the Program and the Strategy, will be responsible to report to the Prime Minister on any change of members of the Committee (if any) during the implementation of the Program.

**Article 2** : The Standing Committee are entitled to the following rights and responsibilities:

1. To assist the Prime Minister on elaborating the plan and activities for the implementation of the Program and the Strategy, at the same time, the Standing committee is responsible to collaborate, instruct, monitor and control the implementation of the plan and activities of the relevant line-ministries and propose to the Prime Minister, line-ministries and local institutions for effective and uniform implementation of the Program and the Strategy in an effort to ensure rural clean water supply and environmental

protection in agriculture and rural areas. The Standing committee is to take initiatives in dealing with the arising problems during the implementation of the assigned tasks within its competence.

The Standing committee is requested to discuss with relevant agencies to adjust the objectives, content and solutions of the National Target Program on RWSS (which has been approved under Decision No. 237/1998/QĐ-TTg dated 3 Dec.1998) in accordance with the set target on Clean RWSS up to 2005 which was ratified at the 9<sup>th</sup> National Party Conference to submit to the Prime Minister for consideration and decision. After that, the Standing Committee is responsible to organise the implementation of the 5 years plan (2000 – 2005) of the NTP on RWSS.

2. Submit the Prime Minister the draft of Operation Manual of the Standing Committee; be in cooperation with relevant agencies to develop and get approval of policies, regulations and solutions in order to facilitate the uniform implementation of the two tasks on clean water supply and environmental protection in agriculture and rural areas under the Program and the Strategy; promulgate guidelines, regulations within its competence and control the implementation of the existing regulations.

3. Prepare periodical reports every 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 1 year, 5 years, and completion report of the Program and the Strategy; collaborate with relevant agencies to evaluate and “QA” the implementation of tasks and content under the Program and the Strategy.

**Article 3:** The National Standing Committee is based in MARD (No.2 Ngoc Ha, Ba dinh, Ha noi), has its own stamp and account under the name of MARD.

The Standing Office is assigned to assist the Standing Committee in the implementation of the Program and the Strategy.

The Standing Office is organised on the basis of cost-effective, professionalised principle. The Standing office comprises of the task force and specialised staff who can mobilise different inter-sectoral resources, inter-territory, local and international resources to meet specific requirements of the Program. It is important to clearly define the managerial tasks toward the program and administrative tasks on RWSS.

The Minister of MARD – Chairman of the Standing Committee on National RWSS Target Program is to work out the tasks, function, responsibility and the apparatus of the Standing Office.

**Article 4:** This decision becomes effective after 15 days from the date of signing.

**Article 5:** The Minister of MARD – Chairman of the Standing Committee on National RWSS Target Program, members of the National Standing Committee on clean RWSS, the Ministers and Heads of Ministerial Equivalents, heads of Governmental agencies, Chairman of Provincial People’s Committee, Central-run City People’s Committee are requested to implement this decision accordingly.

For the Prime Minister  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

*(Signed and stamped)*  
NGUYEN CONG TAN

**Received by:**

- The Party’s Central Committee’s Secretariat.
- The Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers.
- The Ministries and Ministerial Equivalents, Governmental Agencies.
- PPC, Provincial People’s Council and Central-run Cities People’s Committee and Council.
- Central Office and Departments under the Central Party.
- Office of the National Assembly.
- Office of the President of State.
- The Supreme People’s Court.
- The Supreme People’s Organ of Control.
- Central mass organisations.
- Official Gazette.
- Office of the Government.
- File.