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AGU is committed to reducing the amount of single-use (disposable) products on its campus. It seeks to prevent and mitigate the negative effects of throwaway products on the environment and human health. As an innovative and awareness-raising institution, we adhere to all quality and improvement principles, place an emphasis on awareness-raising, education, and the environment, and follow a policy to reduce the use of disposable items. In this regard, it guarantees that sustainability and waste management trainings are held at regular intervals throughout the year in order to develop understanding and consciousness among its personnel, students, and the general public.

In accordance with Regulation No. 27533 on the Landfill of Wastes, AGU shall not directly or indirectly discharge, store, transfer, remove or disposal any kind of waste or residue into the receiving environment or undertake similar activities that may cause damage to the environment. Whenever any contamination occurs, "AGU" implements the precautions required to prevent the contamination and to eliminate or minimise its effects.

In accordance with **Environmental Law No. 2872**, AGU complies with the compulsory standards for the protection of the environment, prevention and elimination of environmental pollution, dissemination of zero waste, and implementation of circular economy principles. AGU is committed to sustainable and socially responsible service by reducing the use of disposable products and adopting recycling and waste management systems.

AGU is committed to reducing the use of disposable items in all its operations and services, as well as continuing its efforts to discover positive solutions to decrease unnecessary waste on its campus. In compliance with the **Zero Waste Regulation No. 30829**, it includes all restaurants, cafeterias, and canteens on campus in the practices done within the framework of the Waste Management System it has established and the Zero Waste Certificate it is entitled to earn. One of the practices in this regard is the decrease of single-use product waste. The **AGU Waste Management Commission** undertakes annual monitoring and reporting of disposable consumption in compliance with the **Control of Packaging Wastes Regulation No. 38745** and within the context of the AGU Waste Management Directive and Implementation Principles.

The aim in this aspect is to reach the target of being a sustainable institution that does not use disposable items among its all operations.

### **Objectives to Reduce Disposable Items**

1. To ensure a cleaner, more sustainable campus for life and society's health.
2. To develop strong partnerships and teamwork with all stakeholders.
3. To educate and enlighten the public on the need to understand their legal and constitutional responsibilities regarding disposable waste management.
4. To reduce the supply of disposable commodities by 60%.
5. By 2025, the consumption and disposal of disposable items will be reduced by 70%.
6. To dispose of 70% of garbage by recycling and 30% through landfill management by 2025, while maintaining quality, health, and safety standards.