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Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [71/222](#) of 21 December 2016, in which it proclaimed the period from 2018 to 2028 the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, and decided that the objectives of the Decade should be a greater focus on the sustainable development and integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives and on the implementation and promotion of related programmes and projects, as well as on the furtherance of cooperation and partnership at all levels in order to help to achieve internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹

Recalling also its resolution [73/226](#) of 20 December 2018 on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, and its resolution [75/212](#) of 21 December 2020 on the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive

* Any changes to the list of sponsors will be reflected in the official record of the meeting.

¹ Resolution [70/1](#).



Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028,

Reaffirming its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Noting with concern that the world is not on track to achieve water-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets at the global level by 2030 at the current rate of progress, which has a tremendous impact on human well-being and on the three dimensions of sustainable development,

Reaffirming its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Welcoming the convening of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development,” 2018–2028, from 22 to 24 March 2023, which generated significant momentum towards enhancing water action and political commitment at all levels to address water-related challenges,

Reaffirming the sustainable development goals and targets related to water resources and sanitation, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda, and determined to achieve the goal of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all and other related goals and targets,

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and hunger, that water, ecosystems, energy, food security and nutrition are linked and that water is indispensable for health, well-being and human development, including the empowerment of women, and a vital element of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant goals in the social, environmental and economic fields,

Recognizing that water-related issues, including the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets, need to be better reflected in the agendas of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing also that international cooperation, including at the global, regional and subregional levels, is needed to strengthen the complementarity of actions and programmes dedicated to achieving water- and sanitation-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda, especially in developing countries,

Reaffirming that the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council has a central role in overseeing the follow-up and review of the

implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, and welcoming the in-depth review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 in 2023,

Recalling its invitation for States and other relevant stakeholders to announce voluntary commitments contributing to the implementation of the objectives of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development,” 2018–2028, and taking note of the Water Action Agenda,

Encouraging the Secretary-General to strengthen the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and UN-Water in order to enhance the coordination and delivery of water priorities across the United Nations system,

Reaffirming that the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals will depend upon a revitalized and enhanced Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, bringing together Governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors, and emphasizing the importance of accelerating and sustaining the implementation of water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda, including by convening periodic United Nations water conferences that would complement but not duplicate existing efforts and activities to support the implementation and enhance political momentum to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6,

1. *Decides* to convene the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, which will result in a summary of the proceedings of the Conference, to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly, as its outcome document, and will be funded through voluntary contributions and in the most efficient and effective manner possible, and decides to consider before the end of its seventy-eighth session the modalities of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference in the most efficient and effective manner possible;

2. *Also decides* to convene, in 2028, the United Nations Conference on the Final Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, to promote the implementation of water-related actions and to take stock of the progress catalysed by the International Decade, notes that this Conference will be funded through voluntary contributions and welcomes in this regard the generous offer by the Government of Tajikistan to host the Conference in Dushanbe, and decides to consider before the end of its eightieth session the modalities of the United Nations 2028 Water Conference in the most efficient and effective manner possible;

3. *Expresses its intention* to consider further opportunities to actively involve Governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors in driving progress and supporting the achievement of internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, and subsequent international decades that may be proclaimed by the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit, with the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and UN-Water, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other entities of the United Nations system, a report taking into account actions, initiatives, best practices and lessons learned, as well as obstacles and constraints encountered, to assess progress on the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its eighty-first session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present² a United Nations system-wide water and sanitation strategy in consultation with Member States before the end of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, in order to enhance the coordination and delivery of water priorities across the United Nations system, and in this context to place particular emphasis on the water-related needs of the developing countries, including those related to finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate support, within existing resources, to the United Nations system-wide water and sanitation strategy.

² Through a launch event to be conducted in English only.