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MEMORANDUM

FOR /TO : **THE BUREAU DIRECTORS**
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR THE 10TH WORLD WATER FORUM MINISTERIAL MEETING THAT WILL BE HELD ON 18-24 MAY 2024 IN BALI INDONESIA**

DATE : 25 January 2024

This refers to the email dated 12 January 2024 of Ms. Jeanie-vi Llonora from the Office of United Nations and International Organizations (UNIO), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), sharing the attached draft Ministerial Declaration on "Water for Shared Prosperity" which will serve as the outcome document of the 10th World Water Forum Ministerial Meeting. This event will be held in Bali, Indonesia on 18-24 May 2024.

In preparation for the Forum, may we request your Offices' comments/ inputs on the draft Ministerial Declaration. Kindly submit the requested inputs to this Office within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of this Memorandum, copy furnished the Offices of the Undersecretaries for Integrated Environmental Science and Policy, Planning and International Affairs.


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CC : **THE UNDERSECRETARIES**
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MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON “WATER FOR SHARED PROSPERITY”

THE 10th WORLD WATER FORUM BALI, 20 May 2024

We, the Ministers, and Heads of Delegations, attending the 10th World Water Forum “Water for Shared Prosperity” on 18-24 May 2024, in Bali,

Acknowledging the various processes related to the United Nations, such as the Rio Declaration of 1992; the resolution 64/292 “The human right to water and sanitation” of 2010; the outcome document “The Future We Want” of 2012; the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Goals (SDG), of 2015; the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction of 2015; the outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference, represent major milestones for addressing global sustainable development challenges;

Recognizing access to safe drinking water and sanitation is a human right;

Mindful that water is needed in all aspects of life and the importance of ensuring adequate safe water supplies and environmental sanitation are available for all;

Realizing the complex nature of water issues, such as depleting water supply, diminishing water quality as well as the unequal distribution of freshwater due to climate change and other factors;

Aware that the impact of climate change and population growth, on water security requires better governance, finance and knowledge;

Noting that the current rate of progress is not on track to achieve the water-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals at the global level by 2030, which will have significant impact on human well-being and on the three dimensions of sustainable development, namely environmental, economic and social;

Emphasizing that coherent coordination and collaborations among governments and water-related stakeholders at the global, regional, national, and local levels, are paramount to achieving sustainable water management;

Welcoming efforts and initiatives taken at all levels to promote the adequate and inclusive participation of all relevant stakeholders, including the youth;

Noting that sustainable financing is one of the main challenges in achieving well-managed water resources and sanitation management;

Reaffirming that the World Water Forum, since its first convening in Marrakesh, in 1997, has contributed to the international dialogue and actions on water;

Reaffirming also the importance of political leadership to foster international cooperation to advance water and sanitation agenda; and

We present an urgent call and declare our political will to translate our commitments into national policies, plans and actions by:

1. Conserving water resources as a crucial element in human activities and ecosystem through the protection, development, and efficient management of water resources.
2. Reaffirming the pressing challenges to water in the face of climate change, we call for

better integration of water into climate action plans, particularly in the financing of adaptation

3. Understanding the growing water needs, it is essential to reduce pressure on water availability by building water reserves and diversifying water supply, we are committed to implementing actions such as better water storage and non-conventional water sources, such as desalination and reuse of wastewater, and rainwater harvesting, with respect for ecosystems.
4. Encouraging the establishment or strengthening national integrated water resources management (IWRM) policies and plans, that include the right to access to water and sanitation for all.
5. Agreeing to propose the World Lake Day at the 79th Session of the UNGA to reaffirm the importance of lakes as a major contributor to ensuring the availability and accessibility of water.
6. Enhancing the community's capability to access clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services for health, education, and development.
7. Encouraging well-coordinated approach in addressing issues relating to the impacts of water, climate change and disaster nexus.
8. Developing and strengthening prevention and early-warning system, response, post-disaster mitigation and rehabilitation measures to deal with the increasing adverse impacts of water-related disasters.
9. Advancing cooperation among users and countries for water management at basin level for climate resilience, particularly in rural and remote areas, as well as in small island states.
10. Sharing of water data, good practices and lessons learnt to scale up successful experiences and expand public and private partnerships.
11. Promoting the potential of various stakeholders, including the young generation as agents for change and innovation in the search for solutions for water and sanitation challenges.
12. Advocating innovative and sustainable financing for water and sanitation infrastructure projects as well as mitigation of climate change-induced water-related disasters, including in archipelagic and small island states.
13. Exploring the possibility of establishing a global water resilience fund to resolve financing issues in the water and sanitation agenda.
14. Fostering research and innovation, upscaling cooperation on capacity- building and technology transfer concerning the water sector; such as South-South and triangular cooperation.
15. Establishing a center of excellence on water and climate resilience as a global hub for various water initiatives and activities.
16. Taking advantage of the networks and partnerships formed during the 10th World Water Forum, under its various processes, to promote the implementation of this Declaration in the long term.

We thank the people and Government of Indonesia, the Provincial Government of Bali and the World Water Council for the hosting of the 10th World Water Forum and its participants.

Annex I: The List of Participating Countries

Annex II: List of Ongoing Water-related Projects



Concept Note of the Ministerial Segment within the Political Process of the 10th World Water Forum

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia (GoI) and the World Water Council (WWC) will co-host the 10th World Water Forum, on 18-24 May 2024, in Bali, Indonesia, under the theme of "Water for Shared Prosperity". The Forum will consist of three processes: Political, Thematic and Regional.

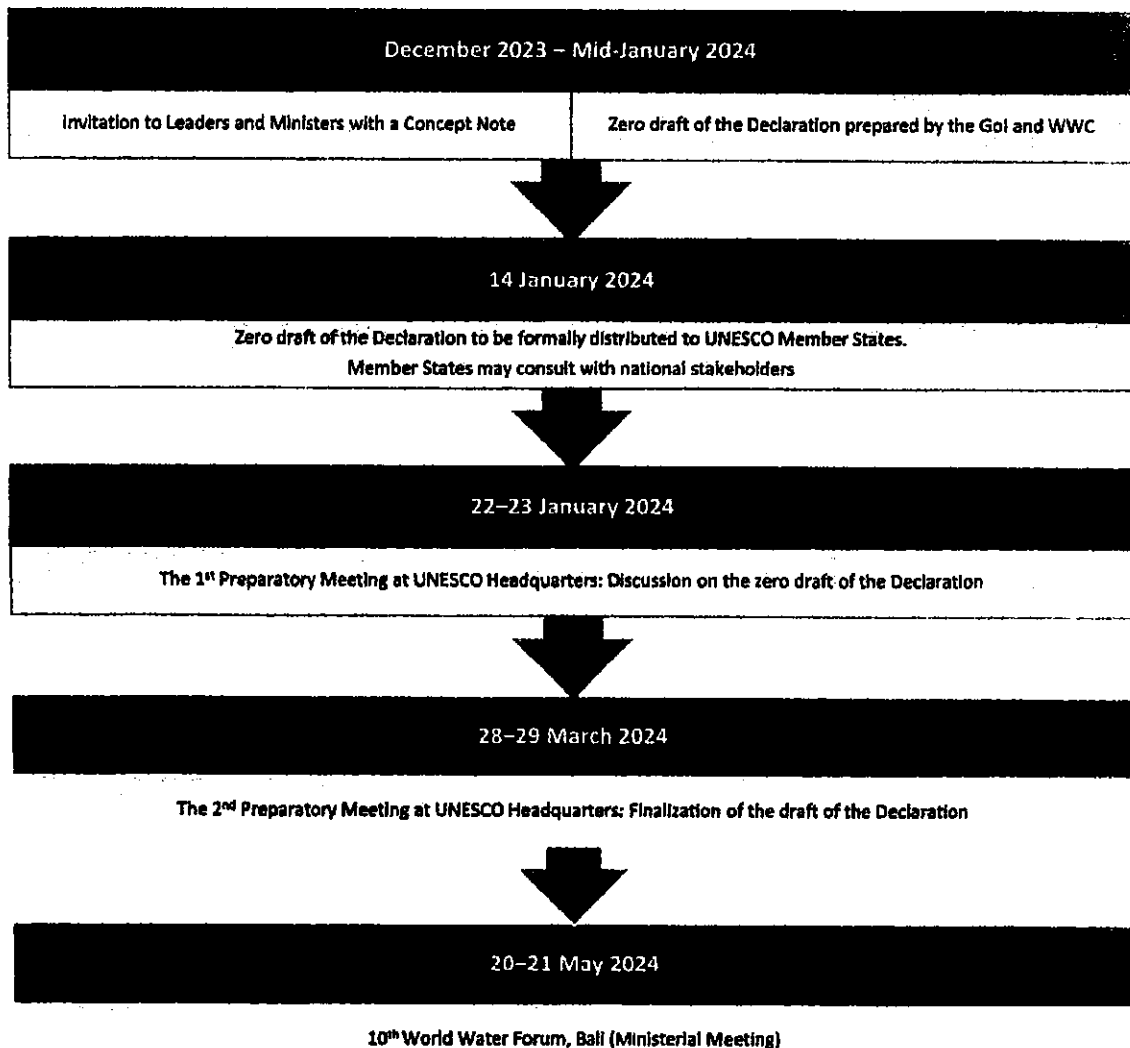
The Political Process comprises five segments, namely Head of States/Governments, Ministerial, Parliamentarians, Local Authorities, and Basin Authorities. A key objective of each segment is to provide policymakers with solutions, innovations, and joint actions to improve the management of water resources.

Within the Political Process, the Ministerial segment will focus on sharing knowledge and experiences, formulating policy, fostering collaboration, and promoting effective water governance at the national and international level. This segment will also highlight the Forum's six sub-themes:

- a. Water Safety and Prosperity;
- b. Water for Humans and Nature;
- c. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management;
- d. Cooperation, Governance, and Hydro-diplomacy;
- e. Sustainable Water Finance; and
- f. Knowledge and Innovation.

The Political Process will prepare a draft of Ministerial Declaration to be adopted as an outcome document of the Forum. A list of concrete water-related projects will be attached as an annex to the Declaration.

The provisional timeline of the Ministerial segment is as follows:



Various events will be organized to promote the 10th World Water Forum, such as side events at the World Economic Forum on 18-19 January 2024 in Davos and World Water Day on 22 March 2024 in New York, and a meeting with International Organizations on 19 January 2024 in Geneva.

The Co-hosts look forward to inputs and suggestions from Member States at the Preparatory Meetings to support the Ministerial segment.

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Subject: Fwd: DFA-UNIO letter to DENR - Invitation to the the Ministerial Meeting of the 10th World Water Forum

Dear DENR Colleagues,

Further to our letter dated 11 January 2024, we would like to share the attached zero draft of the Ministerial Declaration that will serve as the outcome document of the 10th World Water Forum Ministerial Meeting.

Said draft declaration was presented at the 1st preparatory meeting held at UNESCO in Paris on 22-23 January 2024.

We will apprise your office of any updates on this matter once available.

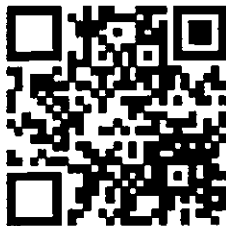
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues,

Attached is UNIO's letter dated 11 January 2024 on the above-mentioned subject.

Kindly acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

Regards,

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