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Excellency,

I have the honour to herewith share the summary of the one-day preparatory meeting held on 25 October 2022 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, (the "UN 2023 Water Conference") to be held from 22 to 24 March 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The preparatory meeting finalized the themes of the interactive dialogues and addressed other outstanding organizational matters of the UN 2023 Water Conference, in line with resolution 75/212. The summary captures key aspects of the remarks and statements by participating States and Observers, representatives of the UN system and other key stakeholders.

In support of the above preparatory meeting on 25 October, I convened a consultation with stakeholders on 24 October 2022. The overview of the outcome of the consultation offers options on transformative solutions related to paradigm change to be considered under the themes of the interactive dialogues that can inspire potential game changers for the Water Action Agenda.

The summaries of the 24-25 October meetings are aimed at assisting the membership to engage in an inclusive process that charts the way forward to the UN 2023 Water Conference which, together with other sequencing events throughout the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, will be important building blocks to the "SDG Summit" in September 2023 and the Summit of the Future in 2024.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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