

## Media Advisory

### UN General Assembly President, Mr. Dennis Francis, to attend 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, in Indonesia

**New York, 17 May 2024** – The President of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA), His Excellency, Mr. Dennis Francis, will undertake official travel from 17 May to Bali, Indonesia, to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. The Forum will take place from the 18 to 24 May under the theme of “*Water for Shared Prosperity*”.

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is co-hosted by the Government of Indonesia and the World Water Council. The event aims to address the so-called disconnect between water supply and demand, which has been exacerbated by issues such as population growth and climate change. It will also address issues such as water security, disaster risk reduction, and governance and finance for water management.

The PGA is expected to address an audience of Heads of State and Government, Ministers, and other high-level dignitaries and participants at the Forum’s opening. He will take the opportunity offered by this event to emphasize, among others, the need to fortify resilience and to embrace a spirit of collaboration, recognizing that water cooperation is not just beneficial but imperative for fostering a world that is both water-secure and peaceful.

This includes elevating the issue of sea-level rise and the threats posed to Small Island Developing States, a concern which the PGA has emphasized throughout his Presidency, and which will be addressed by world leaders during the 79th UNGA High-Level Week, in September 2024.

Whilst in Bali, the PGA will pay a courtesy call on the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo, and hold separate bilateral meetings with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi, the President of the World Water Council, Mr. Loïc Fauchon, as well as the Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan.

The PGA’s delegation includes his Chef de Cabinet, a Sustainable Development Adviser as well as a Communications Adviser.

Travel costs for the visit are jointly covered by the OPGA’s Trust Fund and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

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