Excellency,

You will recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 73/226, decided to convene, in New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023, 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 Conference will focus on the sustainable development and integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives, the implementation and promotion of related programmes and projects, as well as on the furtherance of cooperation and partnerships at all levels.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 75/212, further decided that five interactive dialogues of the Conference will be held in parallel with the plenary meetings. Proposals for themes of the interactive dialogues will be included in a background note by the Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with Member States, with the support of UN-Water and relevant United Nations entities. The themes of the interactive dialogues will be finalized at a one-day preparatory meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly in November 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In preparation for the background note, I would like to invite your Government to submit your proposals on possible themes for the five interactive dialogues along with a brief description of the rationale and any background materials you may wish to provide. With your consent, the full text of your inputs will be posted on the website of the Conference at: https://sdgs.un.org/un-2023-conference-water-action-decade

We would welcome your suggestions to be sent, in English, to the Secretariat: Mr. Tomoyuki Okada (tomoyuki.okada@un.org) and Ms. Eun Hee Lee (eunhee.lee@un.org) with copy to Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee (chatterjeem@un.org) by 22 February 2022.

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

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