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Mr. President of the General Assembly and all protocols observed.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the views of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization on the themes of the Conference.

The Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization promotes a better understanding of the role of sustainable urbanization and resilient design in the planning of our cities. As such, we apply a cross-sectoral approach and as such the cross-cutting nature of water-related challenges are important for us, which show the importance of Integrated Water Resources Management: IWRM and the need for spatial development and design practices that are conducive to integrated water management.

In the theme **Water for Health** emphasis on providing continuous access to safe and sustainable drinking water, adequate sanitation and appropriate hygiene is essential including safe wastewater treatment, that has positive impacts on public and environmental health that transform target communities and ecosystems, and spread rapidly through the municipality and into the rest of the country.

Water for Development should be considered in the connection of the urban density and

volume of unserved urban populations in cities of developing countries. Taking human right's approach underlining severe effects on the health, dignity, gender equality, culture and prosperity of billions of people and focusing on interventions to improve water and sanitation services that need to reach many people in a short timeframe would be essential. This would be also an opportunity to emphasize connection of Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water with other Sustainable Development Goals.

Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment from the urban perspective must focus on design and planning. It must underline the importance of sustainable and resilient infrastructure to reduce green gas house emissions and prevent consequences of climate change such as flooding and sea-level rise including through the sustainable and resilient design of waterfronts. This includes an emphasis on the blue and green circular economy that reduces waste and encourages sustainable consumption and production patterns.

In the theme **Water for Cooperation**, it is important to emphasize water cooperation as a tool for progress to sustainable development, including water security and addressing water scarcity to achieve peace and stability and the role of urban centers in this regard.

And last, but not the least, we must accelerate the implementation of the objectives of the Decade of Action, by showing transformative actions including design and technology that delivers sustainable water solutions for every urban resident around the world.

I thank you, Mr. President.