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We at the African Agency for Integrated Development would like to thank the Office of the President of the General Assembly. We acknowledge and appreciate the leadership of the co-chairs, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. We support the five themes for interactive dialogues as proposed by the co-chairs. We look forward to the 2023 United Nation's water conference as a unified effort towards achieving SDG 6.

The water challenges in many regions of the world have reached crisis levels. Lack of access to water adversely affects not only social but also economic development, we therefore emphasize that we must continue to safeguard the human right to access to clean and safe water for health and sanitation purposes.

We are keenly aware that a healthy eco-system is needed to accomplish our joint mission towards achieving sustainable development in water projects and remain interested in the dialogue and welcome any action to further explore the nexus between water and climate resilience.

We strongly believe that financing should be integrated in the discussion. Financial incentives and mechanisms must be implemented to allow for sustainable public private partnerships to provide access to water related projects to local and the regional entities who manage water resources. We at the African Agency for Integrated Development are committed to collaborate with other

stakeholders in bridging the gap between the finance communities and those who provide the water related services to meet the immediate needs of the communities who lack access to clean and safe water related services.

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