



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 November 2013

Dear Mr. Jarraud,

Referring to your letter of 29 October 2013, I would like to thank you for the update on the 19th UN-Water Meeting recently held in Stockholm, Sweden. I greatly appreciate the work of UN-Water and its commitment to all freshwater issues.

I welcome UN-Water's focus on basic sanitation, which will help accelerate the overall efforts towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The technical inputs by UN-Water will serve as valuable contributions to the discussion on Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda. I look forward to learning more through your presentation on the contribution of UN-Water in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda at the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) meeting on 25 and 26 November 2013.

The nexus between water and energy, as well as the implication for security, will be an important issue to address in the framework of international energy cooperation. I am pleased to know that UN-Water and UN-Energy are collaborating to highlight this issue in the coming year.

I count on your continuing leadership in carrying forward the important work of UN-Water and look forward to seeing you at the CEB meeting.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Michel Jarraud
Chair of UN-Water
Secretary-General of the
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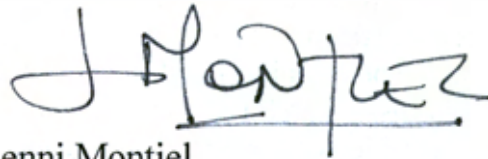
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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

Reply letter to Mr. Michel Jarraud
Chair of UN-Water

Please find attached for your approval, a response letter from the Secretary-General to Mr. Michel Jarraud, Chair, UN-Water. The letter has been reviewed by Post-2015 Unit, Strategic Planning Unit and the Secretariat for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.



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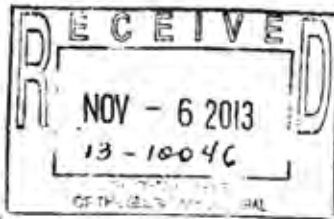
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Ms. Petrova (email)

Dear Mr Ban Ki-Moon,



GENEVA, 29 October 2013

I am pleased to inform you that the 19th UN-Water Meeting, which was recently held in Stockholm, Sweden, and attended by the majority of UN-Water Members and Partners, went extremely well. At this Meeting, UN-Water celebrated 10 years of activity as the United Nations' one voice on all freshwater-related issues.

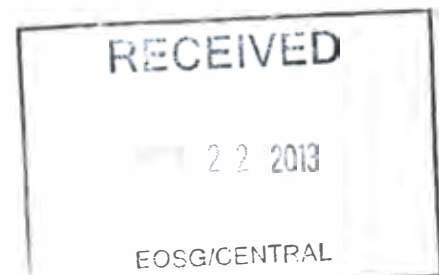
I would like to reiterate the commitment of UN-Water to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Consistent with the Sanitation Drive to 2015 and following the Deputy Secretary-General's Call for Action, UN-Water is especially focusing on basic sanitation, as one of the most off-track MDG targets.

A significant output of the 19th Meeting is the progress made by UN-Water on analytical inputs to support Member States on water in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda. In this regard, UN-Water is committed to providing technical advice on the possible inclusion of water in the future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework in a way that reflects all three dimensions of sustainable development, with a special emphasis on measurability and means of implementation. This technical input will be finalized and presented to Member States at a side event in New York in late January 2014 at the margins of the 20th UN-Water Meeting.

Finally, I am pleased to highlight the fruitful cooperation between UN-Water and UN-Energy on the 2014 World Water Day campaign, which focuses on the water-energy nexus and the links to the SDG framework and the post-2015 development agenda. The 2014 World Water Development Report on "Water and Energy" is providing additional opportunities for collaborative initiatives.

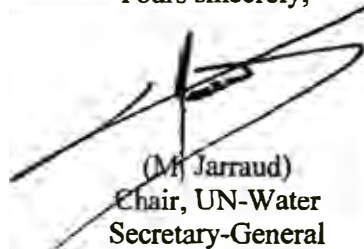
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In view of the forthcoming United Nations System Chief Executives Board Meeting on 25 and 26 November 2013, I would be pleased to present a brief progress update on UN-Water's contribution in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda.

Yours sincerely,



(M. Jarraud)
Chair, UN-Water
Secretary-General
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