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**UN High Level Conference on the Midterm
Comprehensive Global Review of the Implementation of the
International Decade for Actions «Water for life» 2005-2015 and
Millennium Development Goals**
(Dushanbe, June 8-10, 2010)

On December, 21st, 2009 the 64th General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted unanimously Resolution entitled «The midterm comprehensive review of implementation of International Decade of Actions «Water for a life, 2005-2015». According to the Resolution Government of Tajikistan will host UN High Level Conference to be held on June, 8-10, 2010 in Dushanbe.

The main objective of the Conference which coincides with targets of the UN Decade for Actions «Water for a life» is more active involvement of states, governments and international community in addressing problems related to water resources at all levels, implementation of programs and projects on improvement of management, consumption and protection of water resources, as well as intensive regional and international cooperation to elaborate co-ordinated and common approaches on water issues.

Last five years of the Decade have brought a strong impetus to furthering of global, regional and national water management problems. During this period international community has paid more attention to water issues and reached a number of positive achievements. Simultaneously, it is time to review midterm achievements and work has been done toward furthering actions on MDG and other related activity.

It is well-known that water is vital element of sustainable development, including environment protection, food security and poverty reduction. Water and sanitation are absolutely crucial for maintenance of health and well-being of population.

Climate change and demographic growth continue to sharpen water disputes in its all manifestations. High population growth in the World stipulates competition between increasing number of economies and countries to access to greater water resources. Furthermore, increasing water shortage, deterioration of habitat and other negative factors complicate solution of this planetary problem more and more.

In accordance with expert conclusions, in course of incoming years more than half of World's population would live in the countries with limited water resources. In this respect, good governance continues to remain a key aspect of overall sustainable water management process.

Water remains as a core element of food security and human well-being also. It is proof that agriculture is the basic consumer of water resources all around the World. Efficient water supply for agricultural purposes and low-cost irrigation technology decrease considerably sharpness of water problem on the global scale.

Climate change is the most serious long-term challenge seriously threatening the security of international community. As a result, a numerous countries are permanently facing droughts, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters which perish lives, cause a huge loss to national economies and hamper considerably their development.

Addressing water issues requires synergy, regional and global well-coordinated approaches on water resources management, enhancement of water policy, coherence and balanced steps. Episodic responsibility for ineffective water management and water policy, furthermore, lack of constructive dialogue on the matter make sustainable development impossible. In order to benefit mostly from sustainable development constructive and wide range dialogue at various levels is needed.

Water management promotes economic and social progress. Ignorance and negligence of these principles would hamper development and cause prejudice to population and environment.

Priorities and Agenda of the Conference are brought in line with programmatic decisions under the title «United Nations-Water resources» based on Millennium Declaration, Johannesburg Plan of Action, adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Forth and Fifth World Water Fora (Mexico City, 2007, Istanbul, 2009) and Asian-Pacific Water Summit (Japan, 2007). It is expected that participants will discuss water related issues on global, regional and national levels.

In the framework of the Conference the plenary, thematic, special sessions and round table discussions with wide participation of politicians, researchers, representatives of international and regional organizations, private sector and civil society will be organized. An additional exhibition and sightseeing excursions allow participants to be familiarized substantially with the nature of existing problems in this sphere and measures to be taken on preparedness and prevention of water related disasters.

Representatives of governments, international and regional institutions, research organizations, private sector, civil society and experts are invited to take part in the Conference. The organizers expect that participants will submit presentations along with their analysis and conclusions on last achievements, as well as recommendations on promotion of UN Decade «Water for a life» for next five-years-2015.