

Brasília, 9th of February, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a great honor to invite you and a delegation of your Parliament to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, to be held in Brasília, Brazil, from March 18 to March 23, 2018.

The World Water Forum is an important water event that gathers Heads of States and Governments, Ministers, Members of Congress, Members of the Judiciary, representatives of private companies, non-governmental organizations, and universities, as well as international institutions and the civil society.

After its first edition in Marrakesh, in 1997, the Forum has had new editions every three years: in The Hague (2003), Mexico City (2006), Istanbul (2009), Marseille (2012) and Daegu and Gyeongju (2015). Its 8<sup>th</sup> edition, whose central theme is "Sharing Water", will be held in Brasília, the modernist capital of Brazil.

For the fourth consecutive time, the World Water Forum will hold, as part of its Political Process, a Parliamentary Conference dedicated to the theme "The role of Parliaments and the Right to Water". It will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Political Arena of the Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center.

Said Conference also aims to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in September 2015 by the United Nations, specifically SDG 6, related to water, as well as search for mechanisms to implement and carry on the Agreement on Climate, signed in Paris, during COP 21.

The Parliamentary Conference is under the coordination of a Special Committee of the Federal Senate of Brazil, created for this purpose within its Foreign Affairs Committee. It is chaired by Senator Jorge Viana, who is also Chairman of the National Congress Joint Committee on Climate Change. You can find more information concerning the Parliamentary Process at http://www.worldwaterforum8.org, where you can also enroll.

We will be delighted to receive you in Brasília for this specific event or for the whole World Water Forum.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the National Congress of the Federative Republic of Brazil