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TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION
AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME
OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER AND
SANITATION
“FAIR AND SMART WAYS TO REACH UNIVERSAL ACCESS”**

Introduction of the session and its objectives

Mr Harsha Ratnaweera, Professor, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Moderator of the session

Introductory remarks

Mr Benoit Vallet, General Director for Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France (on behalf of Ms Marisol Touraine, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, France)

Key note speeches: Challenges and way forward

- Mr Graham Alabaster, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat
- Mr Manuel Thurnhofer, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

High level statements by countries

- ✓ *Importance of international cooperation to secure equitable access to water globally*
- Ms Carola Bjorklund, Ambassador to the Council of Europe Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

- Mr Chyngysbek Uzakbaev, Minister of Agriculture and Melioration, Kyrgyzstan
- Ms Ermina Salkicevic-Dizdarevic, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

✓ *Challenges and success stories as a way forward*

- Ms Svetlana Cotelea, Deputy Minister of Health, Republic of Moldova

✓ *Successful participatory approaches for sustainability and relevance*

- Mr. Ionut-Ciprian Iuga, State Secretary, Department for Waters, Forests and Fisheries, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Romania

Comments by the key note speakers

Panel discussion

- Mr Paulo Lemos, Secretary of State for Environment, Portugal – *Introducing the human right dimension into policy processes*
- Ms Zsuzsanna Steindl-Kerekes, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary – *Creating smart targets to ensure universal access, outcomes of the Budapest Water Summit*
- Ms Anna Tsvietkova, NGO EcoForum and MAMA-86 – *How to progress towards equitable access through projects on the ground?*
- Mr Tom Williams, International Water Association (IWA) - *Practical implications of achieving universal access for service providers and regulators*

Questions and Answers

Concluding remarks