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The International High-Level Conference on International Decade for Action.

**Dear All
Ladies and Gentlemen**

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At the outset, we thank the Republic of Tajikistan, the President, the government and the people, for the warm hospitality and good reception and the excellent organization of this important event, which all they stressed on the significance of this Conference, which concerns the sustainability of water and its sustainable relevance to the prosperity of our peoples.

As all of you know ladies and gentlemen Water is a finite resource that is fundamental to human well-being and only renewable if well managed. Smart water management is a pre-condition of sustainable development. Managed efficiently, water plays a vital role in strengthening the resilience of social, economic and environmental systems in the face of rapid and unpredictable changes

It is familiarized that Water and sanitation are linked to many development factors. Although the number of people worldwide without access to an improved water source has halved over the past 25 years, poorer countries are struggling to provide safe water and sanitation for all their citizens in a sustainable manner. Slightly more than one-quarter of the population in low-income countries had an improved sanitation facility compared with just over half of the population in the lower middle income countries in 2015.

We in State of Qatar are proud to participate in this International Conference in Republic of Tajikistan for the second time as we have also participated in the previous International Conference here titled “Water for Life” in 2015. And we will be glad to support the actions and the partnerships that will be proposed by the participating states and organizations during this Conference.

We also would like to highlight that State of Qatar has achieved the main target of SDG6 and that the services of water and sanitations are available for the whole population of Qatar.

Besides, The Permanent Water Resources Committee (PWRC) of Qatar has commissioned an Integrated Water Management Strategy for the State of Qatar in order to ensure the availability, reliability, access, and quality of water required for the social and economic development of the State of Qatar.

Also it worth mention here that State of Qatar has completed “Qatar WATER National Strategy” which aims to secure water for the next generation and constitutes guidance for the state planning sector.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The State of Qatar Under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh *Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani*, the Emir of the State of Qatar, is committed to supporting everything that will save and sustain water resources. Water is the key to sustainable development the provision of water resources, conservation and improvement of associated services is the decisive factor in several core issues, not only in the fight against poverty, economic growth, environmental sustainability, food security and human health.

We attach great importance to the importance of water as a key element in achieving sustainable development and ensuring a better future, which is in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030, "which

aims to transform Qatar by 2030 into a developed country capable of achieving sustainable development and ensuring the continued existence of a decent life for its people, Generation after generation.

The State of Qatar operates in accordance with a clear policy as part of its natural resources management strategy, which is the road map for achieving sustainability and safeguarding the rights of future generations. This is a shared responsibility that requires everyone to increase energy efficiency and stop wasting electricity and water as a daily practice and community culture.

Qatar conducted many awareness activities aimed at instilling rationalization concepts and enhancing its culture in society, and the need to join efforts to stop wasting and conserve resources to achieve sustainable development.

In conclusion, I wish this conference success to achieve goals for which we have been made to benefit of our countries and peoples to preserve water, rationalize its use and build capacity that will sustain it for future generations.

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