

## Draft Resolution

### On the development of the INTERNATIONAL GLOSSARY OF WATER (IGW).

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Co-sponsored by Austria, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Rumania and Bulgaria

**Noting** that communication and mutual understanding require unambiguous terminology in research, planning and implementation of actions. The terminology is especially crucial in hydrology where we encounter different scientific and professional disciplines from natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, biotechnology to, and last but not least, health sciences. Different disciplines, not least UN offices, use the same terminology with different meanings and different terminology for the same meaning.

**Recalling** that WMO / UNESCO Joint Commission established in 1967 as an IHD 1965-1975 action. The work of the Joint Commission resulted in the publication of INTERNATIONAL GLOSSARY OF HYDROLOGY (IGH) in 1974, 1992 and 2013. At the end of the twentieth century, IHP UNESCO launched an action to produce a terminology dictionary in national languages.

**Highlighting that** UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG2, SDG6, SDG7 and SDG11, asks for further development of IGH and extend on IGW in collaboration with UN agencies: WMO, FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNECE, CEO Water Mandate, UN Environment, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNU, WHO, the World Bank Group, IHP UNESCO water family and international scientific and professional organizations like IUGG, AGU, EGU, IAHS, IAHR etc.

**Recognizing** continuing work at IGW will help to eliminate confusion and abuse in communication across disciplines, offices and countries when using ambiguous terms. The new edition, like the existing ones, will help with scientific work, education and communication between different disciplines and countries.

**Requests** secretariat to establish IGW commission under the custody of IHP UNESCO. The task of the commission is primarily to lead work IGW for SDG purposes. It may, however, later assume the responsibility of supplementing the IGW according to the needs and requirements of the UN.

**Requests** member states to translate IGW in national and local languages.