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PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION WWAP FOR THE TOOLKIT AND GENDER-SENSITIVE INDICATORS FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF SEX-DISAGGREGATED WATER DATA

Summary

Draft of a proposed text for a Draft Resolution to be submitted to the 23rd IHP Intergovernmental Council for consideration by the Bureau.

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WWAP Toolkit and Gender-Sensitive Indicators
for the Collection and Analysis of Sex-Disaggregated Water Data.

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO:

- Reiterating** that Gender Equality is a UNESCO *global priority*, and that in line with the UNESCO Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II), actions should be taken to ensure that the objectives set for this priority are met by the end of 2021.
- Bearing in mind** that the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development aims to achieve by 2030 gender equality and women and girls empowerment (SDG 5), as well as access to water and sanitation for all (SDG 6), and that no aspect or impact of the changing hydrological cycle is gender neutral and there are evident interlinkages between targets of SDG 6 and SDG 5.
- Recalling** that the Agenda 2030 also pledges the need for high-quality, timely and reliable *data disaggregated by sex*, as they are key to decision-making to ensure that no one is left behind, and to measure the progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Acknowledging** that the third Dublin Principle (1992) recognizes that “women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water ... [and that] acceptance and implementation of this principle requires policies to address women specific needs and to equip and empower women to participate at all levels in water resources programmes, including decision-making and implementation, in ways defined by them”.
- Being aware** that in the 39th session of the General Conference, Member States confirmed their on-going support for UNESCO’s Priority Gender Equality and encouraged the implementation of GEAP II through gender transformative approaches in the 39 C/5.
- Noting with pleasure** that the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO developed a “Toolkit on Water and Gender” consisting of a pioneering methodological framework and a list of high-priority indicators to collect and analyze sex-disaggregated water data, which has been successfully tested in IHP projects and included in the Guidelines for Gender and Climate Change of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

- Recognizing** that the WWAP Toolkit can help Member States to build national sex-disaggregated water data bases to inform decision-making and trigger transformative gender processes in the national and regional management and governance of water through effective water policies.
- Recalling** that during its 55th session, the IHP Bureau requested the IHP Secretariat to prepare the endorsement of the WWAP Toolkit on Water and Gender by the IHP Bureau prior to its 56th session.
- Endorses** the “WWAP Toolkit on Sex-Disaggregated Water Data” as an effective tool to close the gender gap in national and regional water data, enable gender mainstreaming into water policies, foster gender-transformative actions in water strategies, and monitor progress towards SDGs 6 and 5 interlinkages.
- Encourages** UNESCO-IHP and WWAP Secretariats to collaborate to accelerate the dissemination of the Toolkit among the Member States where possible through the development and implementation of joint extrabudgetary projects focused on, *inter alia*, capacity building, training workshops and field surveys, among other tailored-made activities.
- Calls upon** Member States to provide financial and in-kind support to IHP and WWAP to implement the necessary activities for the wide application of the WWAP Toolkit on Sex-Disaggregated Water Data at different levels.