

Resolution XTR-IV-1

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “SEAL OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT”

The Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO

- Noting** that lack of access to drinking water of adequate quality and quantity remains one of the largest human health problems globally,
- Recalling** the UN General Assembly resolution declaring access to clean water and sanitation a human right in July 2010,
- Further recalling** that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes a dedicated goal on water and sanitation (SDG 6) that aims to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” as well as targets of other goals related to water” such as 3.3, 3.9, 11.5, 12.4, 15.1 and 15.8,
- Further noting** that UNESCO has committed along with other UN organizations and specialized agencies in the implementation of the UN SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework, a new, unifying initiative that involves all sectors of society to speed up progress by improving support to countries, and has been entrusted to co-lead along with UNDESA its Capacity development Accelerator.
- Considering** that water demand continues to increase in the future, an increasing number of cities will face challenges of managing scarcer and less reliable water resources in an efficient way,
- Also considering** one of the objectives of the IHP-VIII Focal area 4.3 "Institution and leadership for beneficiation and integration" and Focal area 4.4 "Opportunities in emerging cities" is to improve and promote the tap water and public water supply system.
- Recognising** the need for an international platform for balanced improvement of the drinking water supply by sharing best practices and trouble-shooting case with the aim of helping cities in developing Member States for the achievement of SDG6.
- Requests** the IHP Secretariat to continue cooperating with other UN agencies, especially WHO and UN-HABITAT, and facilitating the work of the Task Force in reviewing the feasibility and implementation plan of the project;
- Further requests** the IHP Secretariat to report to the IHP Bureau at its 62nd session the results with a view of initiating pilot activities and to report the results of these pilots to the 26th session of the IHP Council;
- Encourages** Member States to actively participate in this initiative.