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RESOLUTIONS AS PER FINAL REPORT (ANNEX IV)

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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution XXII-1

PROPOSAL FOR A PROCEDURE TO UPDATE THE IHP STATUTES AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IHP COUNCIL

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO.

Recalling	38 C/Resolution 101 on the governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO;
Recognising	that updates to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council may improve the efficiency and efficacy of the IHP Council to guide the implementation of the programme;
Recalling	the intergovernmental nature of the IHP and its competent bodies;
Noting	the need to ensure consistency of IHP's governance with the decisions of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO, as well as further consider the recommendations of the audit of Governance of UNESCO and evaluations of IHP;
Emphasising	the urgent need to improve the efficacy of the IHP Council given the current budgetary prioritization of water issues by the Governing Bodies of UNESCO, bearing in mind the Organisation's contribution to the implementation of SDG 6 and other water-related targets;
Requests	the IHP Secretariat to carry out a consultation process with all the IHP National Committees and UNESCO Member States following that the Bureau is to review the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council and to present proposals to the 23rd Session of the IHP Council regarding the areas of the Statutes, which should be updated to improve the functioning of the IHP Council and its Bureau;
Further requests	the IHP Bureau to consult closely with their electoral groups and all IHP National Committees and Focal Points in developing their proposals so as to ensure a wide range of opinions are taken into account;
Asks	that this process also includes an update and review of the procedures, working methods and statutes, as well as a clarification on the interpretation of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure regarding, among others: 1) whether members of the IHP Bureau are elected on personal capacity or as representatives of Member States, and 2) to propose scenarios that could ensure that all regions are represented in a specific IHP Bureau session if a Bureau member is unable to attend;
Requests	the assistance of the IHP Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted at least three months prior to the 23 rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council, so that the proposed

revisions of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure can be discussed and decided upon at the meeting.

Resolution XXII-2

FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

Having examined the Report of the Finance Committee in document IHP/IC-XXII/6;

Noting 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F on the Structured Financing Dialogue;

Discussed its responsibility to guide and oversee the implementation of IHP's VIII strategy and the planning of activities and that financial information is crucial for this;

Noting that IHP's activities are being planned based on the IHP Implementation Matrix contained in document IHP/Nairobi Meeting/2013/Final Report and that visibility of this planning and monitoring instrument for Member States is important for their ownership of the programme, as well as agenda 2030 and the Pan of Actiobn for SIDS;

Noting the framework of IHP Implementation Matrix;

Requests the IHP Secretariat to provide to the future IHP Council sessions:

- (i) updated versions of the IHP Implementation Matrix, based on inputs to be provided by the UNESCO Water Family
- (ii) a comprehensive financing plan showing how the updated IHP Implementation Matrix is financed
- (iii) a comprehensive overview, as in Table 1 of document IHP/IC-XXII/6, of how IHP's activities are financed from both Regular Budget and Extrabudgetary resources, including an analysis of the financial needs of underfunded themes and a fundraising proposal to accommodate those needs.

Resolution XXII-3

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED IHP COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH STRATEGY

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

Expressing appreciation for the efforts, guidance and work of the Outreach and Communication Committee, set up by IHP-IC/Resolution XXI-2;

Recalling IHP-IC/ Resolution XXI-2 requesting the Secretariat to develop and implement, in consultation with the Communication and Outreach Committee, a communication and outreach strategy in line with UNESCO's overall communication strategy;

Recalling that the Outreach and Communication Committee is an ad hoc committee that will be evaluated during the 23rd session of the IHP Council (IHP/IC-XXI/6 Annex II);

Endorsing the main goals of IHP communication and outreach endeavour to:

1. Strengthen the collaborative engagement of IHP, the members of its network, and other stakeholders in implementing IHP flagship initiatives and programmes;
2. Increase public recognition of IHP's network and its role in contributing to water science and the science-policy interface and to the achievement of the water resources management priorities of Member State's;
3. Enhance the outreach of IHP's messages and their relevance to actual and mounting global challenges;

Decides to implement the IHP Communication and Outreach Strategy jointly developed by the Committee and the Secretariat, following up on the outcomes of the 53rd session of the IHP Bureau;

Invites the IHP Secretariat, supported by the Communication and Outreach Committee, to set milestones for the implementation of the Communication and Outreach Strategy to be presented to the 54th session of the IHP Bureau and reported on in the next IHP Bureau and Council meetings;

Requests the IHP Secretariat to further strengthen the implementation of the most important outreach and communication activities, such as updating the IHP website and

- i) to send, at least on a quarterly basis, an update on relevant activities of the UNESCO Water Family to its network, and
- ii) to prepare, jointly with the Committee, reviewed and updated Terms of Reference for the Committee and present them to the 23rd session of IHP Council;

Urges the IHP National Committees, Member States, the UNESCO Water Family, IHP flagship initiatives and programmes to actively contribute to this outreach endeavor by:

- Undertaking communication actions, including developing and maintaining a website or a webpage, consistent with the principles outlined in this strategy; and providing relevant information for the website and IHP programs, including on best practices;
- Systematically generating and transmitting content to the Secretariat for mass diffusion, as appropriate (the IHP Secretariat will provide templates/guidance for this);
- Actively participating in and take ownership of the platforms for communication and collaboration at their disposal, such as UNESTEAM;

Requests the IHP Secretariat to consult with UNESCO Water Family in order to improve IHP's visibility, to appropriately reflect on its holistic and important role in the whole matter of water.

Resolution XXII-4

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE GROUNDWATER GOVERNANCE: A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Noting that** One-third of humanity depends entirely on groundwater for their daily needs and 97% of the Planet Earth's accessible freshwater is found in aquifers;
- Expressing concern that** while groundwater use has increased manifold, with major socioeconomic benefits, little attention has been given to its governance, conservation and protection;
- Recognizing** the need to raise political awareness and strengthen political will, at global level to promote conservation and protection of groundwater and to act with urgency to improve groundwater governance in the light of increasing population, climate change and dwindling resources;
- Considering that** IHP is the only intergovernmental programme entirely devoted to water research, water resources management, education and capacity building tailored to Member States' needs; of UNESCO's contribution, and in particular of IHP, in the implementation of agenda 2030;
- Mindful**
- Also considering that** one of the specific objectives of the IHP-VIII Focal Area 2.1 "Enhancing sustainable groundwater resources management" is to strengthen groundwater governance policy;
- Takes note of** the results of the project "Groundwater Governance: A Global Framework for Action" aiming at improving groundwater governance around the world;
- Expresses its appreciation** to the global project jointly implemented by the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) and the World Bank, with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF);
- Encourages** Member States to consider the recommendations of the project "Groundwater Governance: A Global Framework for Action" and to inform the IHP Secretariat of their intention to implement these at national level through pilot activities;
- Requests** the IHP Secretariat to support and provide technical assistance to Member States interested in using the project tools to improve their groundwater governance;
- Calls** upon the relevant organizations, in particular the World Bank, GEF and other donors to support Member States in undertakings related to the project pilot activities.

Resolution XXII-5

THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEGACITIES ALLIANCE FOR WATER UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Noting that** population growth in the coming decades will be higher in urban centers and particularly in metropolitan areas with over 10 million inhabitants (Megacities);
- Further noting that** by 2030, over a billion people are expected to live in approximately 100 very large cities and sixty per cent of the world's population are foreseen to live in urban areas;
- Recalling** UNGA Resolution 64/292 on the human right to water and sanitation;
- Considering** the adverse effects that climate change is expected to have on urban water resources, both quantity and quality wise;
- Recalling** the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes a dedicated goal on water and sanitation (SDG N° 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”;
- Recognizing** the need for an international platform for cooperation to facilitate the dialogue on urban water and climate, with the aim of helping megacities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change on water;
- Also considering** that within the international context of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, a Declaration was framed and a new Alliance was launched during the Eaumega2015 Conference (Paris, December 2015) by IHP and its partners;
- Recalling** the existing category 2 centres of IHP and UNESCO Chairs devoted to urban water issues;
- Decides** to establish an IHP Working Group for helping the establishment of the Megacities Alliance for water under climate change; and for proposing mechanisms to promote international synergies between megacities at the local level and Member States at the national level;
- Endorses** the terms of reference of the IHP Working Group included in the reference document IHP/Bur-LIII/Ref. 4;
- Encourages** Member States to take an active participation in the aforementioned Working Group.

Resolution XXII-6

THE MONITORING AND REVIEW OF IHP PROGRAMMES AND MAJOR INITIATIVES

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

- Recalling** IHP-IC/Resolution XXI-8 inviting the Working Group for the implementation of IHP-VIII to suggest a framework aimed at implementing roadmaps for programmatic activities;
- Noting** its decisions to synchronize all IHP programmes and activities with the IHP programme phases and to base the continuation, reorientation, reinforcement, exit strategies or termination of programmes and activities upon periodic reviews during and at the end point of each phase;
- Recognizing** that in order to implement Results-Based Management (RBM) and Results-Based Budgeting (RBB) the IHP Council requires evidence based information and review about the outputs and impacts of programmatic activities and details of their future proposed activities;
- Welcomes** the work completed by the IHP Secretariat, with the support of UNESCO Internal Oversight Service (IOS), to develop the requested planning and evaluation framework for IHP programmes and major initiatives;
- Also Welcomes** the substantial reports submitted by IHP National Committees and Category 2 Centres to each Session of the IHP Council;
- Asks** the IHP Secretariat to enhance and standardise the information requested based on UNESCO's management systems, so it can be utilised in the monitoring of the Programme's implementation;
- Encourages** the UNESCO Water Family to regularly submit reports in a timely fashion to the IHP Secretariat and Council;
- Decides** to adopt the proposed approach for the evaluation of IHP's programmes and major initiatives outlined in IHP/IC-XXII/Ref.4 and requests the IHP Secretariat to prepare and commission such a review and to report the findings to the 23rd session of the IHP Council;
- Urges** Member States to encourage all national experts, IHP National Committees, water related Category 2 Centres and UNESCO Chairs currently involved in the governance or coordination of IHP Programmes and major initiatives to actively assist the IHP Secretariat in gathering the requested information;
- Invites** the 23rd session of the IHP Council to review the evaluations findings, in order to consider how best to strengthen the high impact IHP Programmes and Initiatives with strategic plans and how to reorientate or terminate others, if necessary;
- Requests** the IHP Secretariat, based on the results of the evaluation, to propose to the 23rd session of the IHP Council, relying on a consultation process with the IHP National Committees, a new mechanism for the ongoing, routine collection and reporting of monitoring information on the outputs, impacts and governance for all IHP Programmes and major initiatives and a defined set

of criteria, against which the IHP Council can periodically assess their progress and potential future road maps.

Resolution XXII-7

IHP SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES FOR A SOUND SCIENCE BASED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL n.6 AND OF THE WATER RELATED GOALS

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Acknowledging** UNESCO's contribution to the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Highlighting that** 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes a dedicated Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation, that aims to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all", as well as targets of other goals related to water;
- Recalling** IHP-IC/Resolutions XXI-6 and XXI-7 highlighting extensive and significant contributions of the UNESCO Water Family to promote the key role of water in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Noting that** water resources, water supply and sanitation are at the very core of sustainable development and that access to safe clean drinking water and sanitation are recognized as a human right, as adopted by the UNGA in Resolution 64/292;
- Noting with appreciation that** water is identified as one of UNESCO's priorities by its Member States;
- Emphasizing** the importance placed within SDG 6 on international cooperation and capacity development and the transfer of technology and thus the need to foster capacity at national level to develop activities with the aim of ensuring the success of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Recognizing** the needs of Member States and in particular developing countries, the least developing countries and small islands developing states to monitor and reinforce their capacities and the transfer of technology towards a sound science based implementation and monitoring of SDG 6 targets and those of other water related targets;
- Keeping in mind** that IHP is an intergovernmental programme devoted to water research, water resources management, and education and capacity building tailored to Member States needs;
- Considering** that the UNESCO Water Family operates as a global network to implement the Organization's strategic goals and its potential for developing sound science based tools for the implementation and monitoring of SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals;
- Requests** the IHP Secretariat to provide support to Member States to build their institutional capacities, human resources and a sound basis in science

capacity for the monitoring and implementation of SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals;

Invites

the Director-General of UNESCO to open a separate special account for IHP, designated "IHP Fund for the Implementation of SDG 6", to receive financial support to take actions at the request of the Member States for capacity building activities in support of Member States for the implementation of the SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals, and to present its financial regulations to the 39th session of the General Conference;

Requests

the IHP Secretariat to establish the draft financial regulations for the special account and to mobilize the UNESCO's Water Family to voluntarily contribute proactively to the implementation and reporting process on SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals;

Appeals

to Member States to contribute on a voluntary basis to this special account;

Decides

to include on the agenda of the 23rd session of the IHP Council an item related to this special account.

Resolution XXII-8

PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER-RELATED CATEGORY 2 CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Noting** the critical importance of freshwater issues at the global, regional and national levels for sustainable development in face of mounting global changes;
- Considering** UNESCO's fundamental role in enhancing water security as defined by the strategic plan for IHP-VIII through: (1) mobilizing international cooperation to improve knowledge and innovation to address water security challenges; (2) strengthening the science-policy interface to reach water security at local, national, regional, and global levels, and (3) developing institutional and human capacities for water security and sustainability;
- Acknowledging** the role of the growing network of category 1 and category 2 water-related centres and institutes in providing UNESCO with an increasing capability to implement its strategic priorities;
- Noting with appreciation** the willingness of the Governments of Mexico and the Federative Republic of Brazil, to undertake the establishment of category 2 water-related centres significantly enhancing thematically the existing network of centres;
- Recognizing** the valuable services that the centres may render to Member States and stakeholders throughout the globe and the valuable contributions that they will provide to the implementation of IHP in particular on water security and transdisciplinary water-related knowledge;
- Noting** the comments by the IHP Bureau that lead to the endorsement of the Mexican proposal;
- Noting with appreciation** the willingness of Federative Republic of Brazil to work on to further complete the proposal for the International Centre on Water and Transdisciplinarity (CIRAT) at the Botanical Garden in Brasília, that will be considered by the 55th session of the IHP Bureau with a view towards its endorsement for submission to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO, based on the result of a consultation process with all IHP Council members;
- After due consideration** of the individual proposal for the establishment of the Regional Centre for Water Security at the Institute of Engineering of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (II-UNAM) and the Mexican Institute of Water Technology (IMTA) endorses it as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
- Requests** the assistance of the IHP Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted to the governing bodies of UNESCO toward the creation of a centre in conformity with the IHP strategy for UNESCO category 2 water-related centres and the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2

Institutes and Centres (document 37 C/18 Part I and Annexes), as approved by the 37th session of the General Conference (37 C/Resolution 93);

Invites

the IHP National Committees of the concerned countries to support the establishment and functioning of the centre;

Also Invites

Member States and the UNESCO Water Family and other partners to actively support the proposed centres and ensure cooperation and collaboration in the common endeavors for the benefit of all.

Resolution XXII-9

Contribution of the IHP to the preparation and follow-up of the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, in November 2016

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Recognizing** that global change, including climate change, represents an immediate and potentially irreversible threat for the human society and the planet itself, primarily on freshwater systems and water security, which requires the cooperation of all countries, and their active participation within the framework of an effective and appropriate international response;
- Welcoming** the conclusions of the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris in December 2015 and, in particular, the adoption of the Paris Agreement as the first universal and binding agreement concerning climate change;
- Acknowledging** the efforts made by the Kingdom of Morocco for the organization and the preparation of the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC, which will be held in November 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco, in the same location as COP 7;
- Noting** the crucial importance of issues related to water at the various global, regional and national levels, with regard to sustainable development;
- Acknowledging** the active contribution of UNESCO to the preparation and organization of the COP 21, with initiatives aiming at promoting the mobilization of all stakeholders involved, and in particular the water science community;
- Recalling** 38C/Resolution 21, 35 C/Resolution 33, 179 EX/Decision 15, 180 EX/Decision 16 and 181 EX/Decision 15 related to the UNESCO Strategy to address Climate Change;
- Considering** the fundamental role UNESCO is playing, according to the strategic framework for the eight phase of the IHP, in the mobilization of the international cooperation for adaptation to the effects of climate change on water resources, as well as in building institutional and human capacities for water security and sustainability in the context of the serious consequences of global change;
- Invites** the national bodies in charge of water, the IHP National Committees and Focal Points, to encourage their countries to actively participate in the debates for the preparation of and follow-up to COP 22, to advocate for water related issues, so that they are adequately taken into account in the international negotiations on climate change;

Encourages

the Director-General of UNESCO to pursue actions, taking advantage of the interdisciplinary mandate of the Organization, to address global changes, in particular climate change, on the basis of the reflections, foresight and anticipation conducted by its Member States in the field of water;

Calls upon

the IHP Secretariat to prepare a working document with a view to eventual submission towards the 201st session of the Executive Board of UNESCO with:

- i) a strategy to raise the issue of water at the appropriate level of importance within COP 22 process;
- ii) concrete proposals concerning the contribution of IHP to the implementation of decisions made at COP 21 and COP 22, as well as to the implementation of the IHP itself, in response to the needs of Member States in the coming years.