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Excellency,

We are honoured to invite you to serve as a member of the High-level Panel on Water that we are co-convening in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015 by your Government and other United Nations Member States. The overarching objective of the Panel will be to mobilize global support to implement Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6): “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, and targets related to water contained in the 2030 Agenda.

The achievement of SDG6 would lay the foundation for development goals beyond water. It would, for example, contribute to poverty eradication, food security and healthy lives, improve access to energy for all, and ensure that nations are able to address climate change and its impacts. The outcome of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris has reminded us of the profound impact of climate change on the water cycle and the importance of water-based adaptation.

The confluence of the SDGs and COP21 creates unprecedented global momentum for launching and implementing an actionable agenda on SDG6 and related targets. The High-level Panel on Water is expected to play an important role in achieving this objective, with an emphasis on motivating action and promoting implementation and financing efforts.

We are delighted that the President of Mauritius and the President of Mexico have kindly accepted to co-chair the Panel. We are also pleased to share with you the terms of reference for the Panel, describing its scope and objectives. We look forward to your collective engagement on this very important initiative.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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