

राष्ट्रपति भारत गणतंत्र PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF INDIA

February 25, 2014

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter dated December 6, 2013 about the Budapest World Water Summit and the follow up action that is being taken. I deeply appreciate your personal commitment to addressing the issues related to water. I am also in complete agreement with your view that this is a subject of great importance, that needs to be addressed collectively by the global community.

I was happy to learn that the United Nations will be organizing a World Conference in 2014 as a follow up to the Budapest Water Summit – in which the Government of India representative, our Minister of Water Resources, had delivered the key note address on "Green Economy for Blue Water".

Excellency, India has the second largest population in the world. With its growing numbers and enhanced pace of industrialization, the requirement of water in India is increasing exponentially. In fact, the supply of clean drinking water and proper water management for both industrial and domestic needs is a key concern. To address this issue, the Government of India has set up the National Water Mission, as part of National Action Plan on Climate change and would be happy to join other like-minded countries, including Hungary, in focusing on this important issue.

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

(Pranab Mukherjee)

His Excellency Dr. Janos Ader President of the Republic of Hungary Budapest