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Subject: Invitation to the third meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus under the UNECE Water Convention

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the third meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). The meeting will be held in Geneva from 28 to 29 April 2015. The Task Force is charged with the overview and guidance of the assessment of the nexus in selected transboundary basins, which is carried out as part of the Convention's programme of work 2013–2015 that was adopted by the Parties.

Since the second meeting of the Task Force in September 2014, the assessments of the Alazani/Ganikh River Basin and the Sava River Basin have been worked on towards completion and the assessment of the Syr Darya is on-going. Specific documentation will be made available closer to the meeting.

With this background, the third meeting of the Task Force will have the following objectives:

- To provide an overview of the status of preparations of assessments;
- To discuss the findings and the experience from the basin assessments;
- To review the draft contents of the overall stocktaking report of the nexus assessment;
- To agree on the steps to complete the presentation of findings for publication;
- To discuss possible follow-up activities for the Convention's programme of work 2016–2018.

The Task Force meeting will bring together representatives of the countries that are concerned by the ongoing and possible future basin assessments, as well as representatives of organizations undertaking parallel initiatives, partners, experts and stakeholders. The final agenda of the meeting as well as other documentation will be sent close to the date of the meeting; a draft agenda is attached.

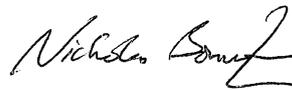
The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Since Switzerland is part of the Schengen area, visa applications may take five weeks. Participants requiring a visa are therefore invited to register as soon as possible using the online procedure (http://www.unece.org/env/water/tfnexus_2015.html) and start the visa application procedure well in advance. All other participants should register on the same website by 17 April 2015.

Concerning the nexus assessment and the substantive aspects of the meeting as well as the programme, Ms. Annukka Lipponen can be contacted (tel. +41 22 917 2666; annukka.lipponen@unece.org). Enquiries concerning practical and administrative issues (including registration) should be addressed to Ms. Marcelo (tel. +41 22 917 1606, cammile.marcelo@unece.org).

I look forward to receiving your response and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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