



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 21 February 2013

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to invite you to a high-level interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on World Water Day, 22 March 2013, as mandated by GA resolution 67/204 of 21 December 2012 on the “Implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013”, which I will convene at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 March 2013.

Water is essential for human health and well-being, food and energy production, social and economic stability, and for protecting and maintaining healthy ecosystems. It is also a finite and vulnerable resource under mounting pressure.

The event will consist of an opening session, followed by a videoconference with the meeting on World Water Day which is taking place in The Hague the same day, and two panel discussions.

The first panel on “Setting the Stage - Issues, Challenges and Opportunities for Water Cooperation” will take place from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

The second panel, from 2.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., will focus on “Exploring Proposals, Strategies and Cooperative Solutions for the Period after 2015”.

As an internationally renowned expert on issues related to water, I would like to invite you to participate as a speaker in the second panel session of the interactive dialogue. I believe that the Membership of the General Assembly would greatly benefit from your participation.

In this context, I am pleased to share with you the attached concept paper and tentative programme of the thematic debate for your reference. A detailed programme of the event will follow in due time. For any questions, please contact Ms. Jutta EDTHOFER, Advisor, at +1-917-623-3647, or edthofer@un.org.

I thank you in advance for your participation in this important event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuk Jeremić', written over a horizontal line.

Vuk Jeremić

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Permanent Technical Secretary
International Network of River Basin Organizations (INBO)