

## Concluding remarks

- **Welcomed the progress** by several Parties in **setting and revising their national targets** under the Protocol, despite the Covid-19 pandemic
- Encouraged those Parties that have not yet set targets to **finalize the process as soon as possible**
- Expressed appreciation for the planned development of a concept for **electronic reporting** under the Protocol as foreseen in the programme of work, thanked Germany for the funding provided to that effect and asked the secretariat to report on progress at its next meeting as well as at the meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health in April 2021
- Encouraged countries to **use the Protocol** as an operational tool to strengthen the national and local capacities to **respond to and recover from the ongoing pandemic** and to improve prevention and preparedness measures with regards to water, sanitation and hygiene, in particular by setting and implementing **COVID-19 sensitive targets** under the Protocol
- Encouraged countries to **harmonize national WASH monitoring with SDG 6 indicators**, define advanced WASH service levels for schools and health care facilities and actively engage in the global monitoring efforts
- Encouraged countries to **capitalize on the synergies** with the global instruments for monitoring WASH-related SDGs, in particular in support to undertaking **baseline analyses, setting targets and reporting** under the Protocol

