

# Item 7. Draft decision on reporting and revised template for reporting under the Convention

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# Background to reporting under the Water Convention

Reporting introduced under the Convention through **Decision (VII/2)** taken at seventh Meeting of the Parties (Budapest, November 2015)

- Preamble:
  - Background, rationale and importance of reporting
  - Linkages with 2030 Agenda and SDG 6.5
- Operational paragraphs:
  - Establish regular reporting mechanism under the Convention
  - Pilot reporting exercise 2016-2017 to test template for reporting
  - Encourage all countries to report
  - Request UNECE to post national reports and to prepare a synthesis report
  - Decide to review the reporting template and reporting procedures at the 8th session in 2018, also in light of the follow-up and development of the Agenda 2030
  - Request the WGIWRM to review the reporting template based on the experience with the reporting exercise and to submit a draft decision on reporting, including the frequency and modalities of reporting, together with a revised template

# Draft decision on reporting and revised template

⇒ To be submitted for adoption at the eight Meeting of the Parties (Astana, 10–12 October 2018)

- Define modalities and frequency of reporting
- Present revised reporting template, based primarily on discussions at the Technical meeting (Budapest, 16–17 January 2018)



# Elements of the draft decision on reporting - Process

- Align process of reporting on SDG6.5.2 with reporting under the Water Convention
- Frequency of reporting under Convention: every 3 years (aligned with MOPs and with 6.5.2 reporting)
- Deadline for next reporting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and similar intervals for subsequent reporting cycles
  - => Time required for data validation (UN Statistical Division deadline Feb 2021)
  - => Sufficient to time to analyse reports prior to 9<sup>th</sup> MoP (Oct 2021)

# Elements of the draft decision on reporting - Reporting template

- Combine templates for reporting under the Water Convention and SDG 6.5.2
  - Section I: calculation of indicator 6.5.2, for information only, not part of the reporting template under the Convention
  - Sections II to IV: formal template for reporting under the Convention for its Parties, and used by non-Parties to complement information on the value of SDG indicator 6.5.2
- Adopt revised template for future reporting cycles
- Completed reporting forms to be submitted to secretariat in English, French, Spanish or Russian languages
- Encourage drafts for review to be submitted prior to final submission

# Elements of the decision on reporting - Reporting environment

- Mandate the Working Group on IWRM with the support of the secretariat and of UNESCO to develop a *guide for reporting template under the Convention* in time for the next reporting cycle.
- Proposal for an on-line reporting system, including technical and financial implications, to be developed by UNECE in cooperation with UNESCO and to be reviewed and discussed by the Bureau and Working Group on IWRM
- Carry-out capacity building initiatives, including training workshops, to promote the use of reports, the setting of national targets on transboundary cooperation, and to enhance quality of reporting and encourage additional countries to report
- Parties and non-Parties encouraged to provide resources for analysis of reports, on-line reporting system and capacity building initiatives