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Nomination of Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health

Dear Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova,

As you know, Portugal is an active and committed Party of the Protocol on Water and Health.

In this context, I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Ms. De Albuquerque to become a member of the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health. Catarina would be a new member to this committee and she has indicated her willingness and ability to serve on the committee.

Ms. De Albuquerque has wide ranging experience on water and sanitation as human rights. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) partnership. Her priorities include advocating for a pivotal role for SWA within the SDGs, political prioritization of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene at a global high-level, helping build consensus between partners and establishing strategic partnerships with other initiatives.

Previously, she was the first UN Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation. Between 2004 and 2008 she presided over the negotiations of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which the UN General Assembly approved by consensus on 10 December 2008.

I am sure she will be a very active and useful member of the compliance committee, and I am confident that she has the necessary qualifications to further the goals of the Protocol and its Parties.

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Please find in attach her Curriculum Vitae for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Secretary-General

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