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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva, and the he United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, and with reference to the latter's letter dated February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017, inviting the State of Qatar to submit a national report on indicator 6.5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and has the honor to communicate here below the reply received from the Competent Authorities in the same regard:

**"The indicator 6.5.2. of the Sustainable Development Goals "clean water" based on Joint cross-border water and bilateral agreements between States, while there are shared water basins with neighboring countries. And since the State Qatar does not have any international agreements between any neighboring countries, therefore, the related questionnaire is not applicable to the State of Qatar, since the state depends on desalination of seawater (Gulf water)".**

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar attaches herewith the related template filled-in by the Authorities on the same regard.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva, and the he United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**QATAR**

**Reporting on the global SDG indicator 6.5.2**

**TEMPLATE**

Q No	Template Question	Answer
-	Country name	Qatar
-	Transboundary basin (river or lake)	NA
-	Transboundary aquifers	NA
-	Additional information	Qatar do not have Transboundary basins/river/aquifers/ground water resource in use
Q1	Name the transboundary basin, river, lake or aquifer or group thereof, list of riparian States and Country's share of the basin	Aquifer, Umm er Radhuma – Dammam aquifer. Between Qatar-Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
	If there is no agreement or arrangement or it is not in force, please explain briefly why not and provide information on any plan to address the situation	Since it is highly saline in nature, Qatar is not dependent on it for its water requirements
Q10	What are the measures implemented to prevent or limit the transboundary impact of accidental pollution	NA. Not dependent on this source
Sec IV Q4	If you have any other comments please add them here	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a presence of shared aquifer with neighboring countries. But Qatar is mainly dependent on Sea water desalination as a source of its water requirements</li> <li>2. There are no international agreements, arrangements or conventions on the usage of Aquifer water as this aquifer is highly saline in nature and not in use by Qatar</li> </ol>



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