Welcome to the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

16–18 November 2022

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High-Level Segment

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“The Protocol on Water and Health: Strengthening the resilience of WASH and health services in times of climate change and pandemics”

10:45 a.m.– 1 p.m.
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Documentation:

• The Protocol on Water and Health: Driving action on water, sanitation, hygiene and health (United Nations publication, ECE/MP.WH/21)

• The Protocol on Water and Health and the COVID-19 pandemic: Relevance, lessons learned and future perspectives (informal document 2)

• Programme of the high-level session: “The Protocol on Water and Health: Strengthening the resilience of WASH and health services in times of climate change and pandemics” (informal document 3)
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Facilitator

Ms. Elaine France
Flow in Action, Switzerland
High-level Panel 1: Setting pandemic-resilient WASH policies: lessons from COVID-19

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Oliver Cumming
Director, Environmental Health Group, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
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Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations in Geneva

Mr. Ole Henrik Krat Bjørkholt
State Secretary, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway

Mrs. Svetlana Nicolaescu
State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Jelena Janković
Assistant Minister of Health, Serbia

Ms. Tamar Gabunia
First Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia

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Mr. John Matthews

Executive Director, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)
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