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Progress made by Uganda towards accession to the Water Convention

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Co Chairs and Distinguished Delegates,

Uganda affirms her commitment to accede to the Water Convention. As you may know, Uganda's water resources is wholly transboundary. Over 98% of the surface area of Uganda falls within the Nile Basin. The water resources of the Nile is shared by 9 other countries. By geographical location within the Nile Basin, Uganda is both an upstream and downstream country, and, as such transboundary water cooperation to Uganda is a must not a choice.

On progress towards accession, the country is in the process of finalising the Cabinet Memorandum for discussion and approval by Cabinet at the end of June 2023. This follows several interministerial engagements and training conducted at national level. On approval by Cabinet, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will proceed to prepare the instrument to be deposited. The target for Uganda is to Accede to the Water Convention by September 2023.

We wish to thank the Secretariat for continued support towards this process of acceding to the UN Water Convention.

Thank you