

World Water Council

Press Release

Loïc Fauchon reelected President of the World Water Council

<u>Mexico, 19 March 2006</u> - Today, the Board of Governors of the World Water Council unanimously renewed its confidence in its President, Loïc Fauchon, who was reelected for a three-year term. Loïc Fauchon is currently in Mexico, where he is co-chairing the 4th World Water Forum through March 22, the celebration of World Water Day.

This French man born in Brittany, 57 years ago, assumed Presidence of the World Water Council in March 2005, following in the footsteps of the Canadian William Cosgrove, former Vice-President of the World Bank, and to the Egyptian, Dr Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation. Loïc Fauchon is one of the founding members of the Council.

Loïc Fauchon has a background in political and economic sciences. After having occupied various functions within local government and authorities, he was the Deputy Director of the Mayor's office in Marseilles, France, then Secretary General for the City of Marseilles. During this same period, Loïc Fauchon was also the Mayor of a small town in Provence, France. For 30 years, he has been the President of a humanitarian NGO, specialised in emergency aid in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Loïc Fauchon started his career in the field of water in 1992 and has been the Chairman of the Marseilles Water Supply Group since that time.

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