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to Accelerate Actions to Achieve SDGs,

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear colleagues,

Almost 70 years ago, in the city of Bandung in Indonesia, a new spirit of solidarity and cooperation emerged between the nations of Asia and Africa. This spirit, born of the struggle for independence and self-determination, remains a source of inspiration today in our collective quest for peace, prosperity and sustainable development.

The Bandung tradition embodies the values of solidarity and mutual respect between the nations of the South. These values are more relevant than ever as we face unprecedented global challenges such as climate disruption, health crises and other geopolitical conflicts.

This spirit fosters a dynamic of balanced partnership where each country is heard and is part of the solution.

At a time when many countries are facing major water challenges, cooperation between nations is more important than ever.

It is in this spirit of collaboration, that the World Water Forum has been organized by both the World Water Council and the Government of Indonesia. And this is in this same spirit, that we are meeting today to tackle the challenges linked to this resource. Because water is at the heart of all development. It is essential to ensure food security, access to drinking water, public health, energy and education, as well as climate resilience.

Together by sharing our knowledge, best practices and expertise, we can develop innovative and effective solutions to these common challenges.

Hydrodiplomacy, based on dialogue, cooperation and mutual respect, is an essential part of this approach.

By encouraging the sharing of water resources in an equitable and transparent way, we can prevent potential conflicts and promote concerted solutions for sustainable management.



In addition, by involving local communities, civil society, funders and the private sector in the decision-making process, we can ensure that our actions are effective and meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

The Bandung tradition should also be used to strengthen water-related capacities and training programs, both for building project and for the maintenance of equipment once it has been delivered.

The aim is not only to provide mutual technical assistance, but also to invest in the development of human capital and the promotion of exchanges between people, to foster technical and socio-economic cooperation.

So together, by drawing on these values and strengthening our cooperation, let us accelerate the actions needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure a prosperous and equitable future for all.

Thank you for your time.