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In the name of God

At first, I would like to deeply thank all those involved in holding such a glorious international event with the theme of "Time for Solutions".

I, as the Minister of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, am pleased to find the opportunity to present the viewpoints of my country in concern with water, one of the most important issues of today's world.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

God the compassionate, the merciful has created sufficient amounts of food, water and air as basic needs for human beings. If we all obey the rules, all people will take benefit of god's blessings and no one will suffer thirstiness and hunger throughout the world.

Climate Change caused by inappropriate interference of human activities including greenhouse gas production resulting in severe drought conditions, heavy rainfalls, and severe cold weather in the world is presently the main concern of all of us.

I believe that the issue of confronting extortion and inequity in all aspects particularly water related issues should be seriously considered and may be included in the agenda of this international event to bring them necessary justice, equity and availability. If this is not practiced, I am afraid we will be left behind.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The World Water Forum has so far promoted the awareness of people around the world to realize the high importance of water. At present, water is virtually the main concern of all.

I am quite confident that those countries which are not presently suffering water shortage will absolutely join the water scare countries colony in the coming decades. Proposing issues such as supplying water and sanitation services for children who as a result die from various diseases, a call for regional and international cooperation for solving transboundary water conflicts, increasing water exploitation efficiency by using modern irrigation, knowledge and technology and further developing new resources which have been neglected are all good signs, proving that we are moving on the right track.

In the Islamic Republic of Iran, during recent years around 10 billion dollars has been invested in the water sector by the Government annually. Investments made specifically for combating droughts during the recent decade, has managed to overcome challenges for supplying water for the population of around 76 million people in Iran.

Our country's successful experiences in preparing bilateral agreements with neighboring countries for managing shared water issues could be also presented and considered.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At last, after thanking all the organizers of this important gathering, I hope the developed knowledge and adoption of the measures against climate change impacts would be presented to all the countries and appropriate measures are to be taken to mitigate its negative effects on the environment. We do believe that, by focusing on local capacities for appropriately using water, and aiming at solving transboundary water issues by the help of bilateral agreements between neighboring countries, we will find the opportunity to promote international cooperation on this very important and vital issue.

Finally, I would also like to state that some of my colleagues whose solutions have been accepted to be presented during this forum have not been able to attend this international event due to not having their visas issued by the French Embassy in Tehran, I. R. Iran and I therefore deem it quite appropriate to have this issue seriously considered by the World Water Council president and relevant authorities for necessary actions.

Thank you

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