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Excellencies,

We have the honour to invite you to report under article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health jointly serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. According to article 7 of the Protocol, Parties are obliged collect and evaluate data on their progress vis-à-vis the achievement of targets set by them. Parties are also required to report on indicators designed to show how the progress that they have achieved has contributed towards preventing, controlling or reducing water-related disease. Furthermore, every three years, Parties must provide a summary report of the data collected and evaluated, including an assessment of the progress achieved, to the Protocol secretariat for circulation to the other Parties. On the basis of the summary reports, the Meeting of the Parties evaluates progress in implementing the Protocol at its regular sessions.

The collection of self-assessments within the reporting exercise under the Protocol will be particularly useful if all countries of the pan-European region contribute to the exchange of experience, allowing for a full regional assessment of the situation and progress in the area of water, sanitation and health. It will be of great service, therefore, if States not yet party to the Protocol also take part in the reporting exercise, and we would like to take this opportunity to encourage your country to do so.

The fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will take place in Belgrade from 19 to 21 November 2019. In accordance with the established procedures, the deadline for submission of summary reports is **23 April 2019** – 210 days prior to the fifth session. The importance of the timeliness of reporting was emphasized by the Meeting of the Parties in its [decision IV/2 on general issues of compliance](#).

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The main objective of the reporting is to assess progress achieved in each individual country. Therefore, countries are strongly encouraged to highlight their success stories, lessons learned and challenges with regard to water, sanitation and health, and to focus on the impact of implementing the different thematic areas of work of the Protocol. We encourage you to analyse how the progress made under different target areas under the Protocol contributes to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health of the WHO European Environment and Health Process.

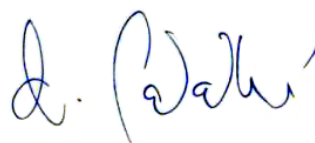
We also encourage you to use the enclosed guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health that were adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Geneva, 14–16 November 2016), as annexes to [decision IV/1 on reporting](#). The documents are also available on the [web page of the fourth reporting exercise](#).

The joint secretariat remains at your disposal for any assistance the focal points of your country may need in the process of preparation of the summary report.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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