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Appointment of Rudolph Cleveringa as Executive Secretary of Global Water Partnership Organisation

I am hereby pleased to inform you that the GWP Steering Committee has approved the appointment of Mr. Rudolph Cleveringa as Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership Organisation as of 1 January 2016, for a period of 2 years.

As you are aware, the GWP Network has embarked on a governance reform process which will continue to need strong leadership and guidance from GWPO. The GWP Network will also have a new GWP Chair in 2016, leading GWP into the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals which will require new alliances and partnerships through which GWP can implement its Strategy Towards 2020. Finally, GWP will also have a new Chair of the Technical Committee in 2016, leading the innovative knowledge generation for the GWP Network. The Executive Secretary position will be pivotal in all these new processes and therefore it is important that the position be held by a person with institutional knowledge of GWP, and who can provide continuity and stability within all these reforms and upcoming challenges.

As Acting Executive Secretary since March 2015, Mr. Cleveringa has proved to be an effective and knowledgeable leader. He has guided the GWPO Secretariat de facto since September 1, 2014, and was formally appointed as Acting Executive Secretary as of 11 March 2015 upon the formal departure of the previous Executive Secretary, Dr. Ania Grobicki. Mr. Cleveringa has demonstrated that he has the managerial skills needed to most efficiently work together with staff of the Secretariat in Stockholm, Sweden. With all his professional expertise in and beyond the water sector he has developed very solid relationships with our partners inside and outside the water sector, the Financing Partners, the Chair and members of the Technical Committee, and the Steering Committee, and myself, Chair of GWP and GWPO. I highly appreciate his circumspective way of working together with our manifold water community and having supported the Chair of GWP and GWPO as a real team-player on our way forward on new avenues in the international post 2015 sustainable development arena.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Cleveringa to this new role and I look forward to our continued joint endeavour to ensure that the Global Water Partnership takes a prominent place in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Post 2015 Agenda, to be adopted by the UN Member States in due course, moving the world to a more water secure state.

Best regards



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Chair of GWP and GWPO