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HELP Message to G20 Leaders

Major challenges G20 and the world are facing, be it energy and food crisis, wars and conflicts, COVID-19, recurrent disasters, and intractable markets and economy, are deeply rooted in water and water-related problems. This is not the time for business-as-usual. Water can mitigate and prevent catastrophes, place global and national economy back on track, stabilize regional politics, and help build back stronger post-corona world. G20 Leaders can address their major challenges collectively and individually through water as indicated below. Strengthening global, regional, and sub-regional cooperation by G20' leadership is the key.

Energy and food crisis: Strengthen transnational political systems and logistical support to maximize available resources including water in a sustainable way, curtail ineffective consumption, and have a more equitable share of energy and food in the short term. Turn the current energy and food crisis into opportunities to transform, nationally and globally, the energy mix and food production and consumption patterns. Use the concept of the water-energy-food nexus to achieve these.

Peace: Start from equitable water-sharing when preventing conflict and building peace. Water cooperation, nation-wide, reduces tension and instability in societies and propagates good-will and hope among people. Historically recurrent water related disasters have encouraged numerous practical means to build transboundary organizations and to offer venues for track two diplomacy.

Pandemic and disasters: Enhance awareness, integrated preparedness, and timely information-sharing by both governments and citizens to detect and prevent future pandemics, disasters and all sorts of disturbances. Share lessons and good practices that have been amassed in the last few years as assets for the future we want.

Economy and market: Invest in nature-based and regular infrastructure that create a foundation for tomorrow's growth and the next generation, while at the same time sustaining trust in the future of countries for financial markets. Generate billions by investing millions through drastically enhancing capacity of existing infrastructure by digital transformation. Encourage all financial institutions including IFI to step up their efforts in supporting green and blue transitions and to align financial flows.

Climate Change: Focus on effective measures that contribute to both mitigation and adaptation of climate change. Green and grey infrastructure, supported by advanced IT on water, meet this objective. Embed the concept and system of resilience throughout the whole lives and livelihoods of people and society.