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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, following the latter's Note Verbale, dated 25 January 2013, on the right to water and sanitation, has the honour to submit the following response, by the Greek Government (Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change), to the questionnaire submitted by the Special Rapporteur:

"Due to the economic crisis, there have been budget restrictions in general. However, in the water and sanitation sector there have been no restrictions at all, recognizing the importance of ensuring access to safe and clean water for the whole population. During the last months, there has been a debate about opening the water supply and wastewater service of Athens to the private sector. This is going to include water services, offering safe water for several uses, such as domestic use and use by small industries. It is important to note that the infrastructure of the above water uses remains within the public sector".

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, February 20, 2013

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