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**HRC Res 37/08 - Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the employment of a safe, clean healthy and sustainable environment - Questionnaire**

With reference to the above subject and the Special Rapporteur’s letter dated 2 September 2020, we inform you of the following:

The human rights to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, are implemented through a series of National laws in Cyprus, some of which transposed the European Acquis. The legal framework ensures fulfillment of human rights in the fields of water, sanitation and hygiene. The adaptation to climate change and enhancement of resilience is a key challenge for Cyprus and a water management strategy has been developed to deal with problems such as water pollution, water scarcity and floods, among others.  Sustainable and resilient water management and water-related impacts of climate change is a key component of this strategy, which is updated when required.

**In order to avoid unnecessary duplication after previous relevant questionnaires answered by the Republic of Cyprus (related is the last paragraph of the Questionnaire)** please note that, during the last few years, we have replied to various other questionnaires with similar content: two for the SDG Indicator 6.5.1 IWRM (one in 2017 and the other in 2020). We have also replied to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation in May 2020. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication, we kindly ask you to refer to our replies to  these questionnaires.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications, if needed.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Director, WDD

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