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To: Member States
(Members of the
Intergovernmental Council of
the International Hydrological
Programme of UNESCO)

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Subject : **19th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council**
(UNESCO, Paris, 5 – 9 July 2010)

Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honor to inform you that the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) will hold its 19th session from 5 to 9 July 2010 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.

During this session, the Council will principally examine the relevant outcomes of the 35th session of UNESCO's General Conference, including the Organization's Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), particularly as these relate to the implementation of the Seventh Phase of IHP (IHP-VII, 2008-2013). The Council will also, *inter alia*, look into recent institutional developments in IHP, review progress on the implementation of the resolutions and other recommendations adopted by the 18th session of the IHP Council (Paris, June 2008), examine the status of UNESCO's water-related category 1 institute and category 2 centres under its auspices, and report on the formulation of the Eighth Phase of IHP (IHP-VIII, 2014 – 2019, including the endorsement of the related concept paper.

Pursuant to the decision of the IHP Bureau, at its 43rd session (Paris, June 2009), to adopt a different format for the forthcoming 19th session of the IHP Council, a three-hour public presentation on a specific scientific area of IHP will be integrated into the Council session. This scientific segment – the subject of which will be communicated at a later date – would serve as an outreach activity addressing both the IHP scientific community and policy makers from UNESCO Member States.

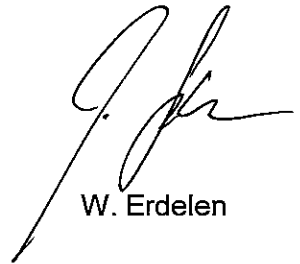
Please find enclosed the provisional agenda of the session, together with the Council's Rules of Procedure. The documents for the session will be announced and made available on the IHP website [<http://www.unesco.org/water/ihp>] sufficiently in advance of the session of the Intergovernmental Council.

It would be greatly appreciated if the name(s) and official address(es) of your government's designated representative(s) could be forwarded to the IHP Secretariat [tel: +33 1 4568 4001 | fax:+33 1 4568 5811 | email: ihp@unesco.org] by 4 June 2010 at the latest, using the attached form, in order to allow preparation of a comprehensive list of participants in advance of the session.

I should also like to inform you that the Council session will be preceded, from 2 to 3 July 2010, by the 10th UNESCO/IAHS Kovacs Colloquium on "Hydrocomplexity: New Tools for Solving Wicked Water Problems". Your designated representative(s) is (are) cordially invited to attend this colloquium. The provisional programme will be made available on the IAHS website [<http://iahs.info/conferences/2010Kovacs.htm>].

In accordance with the Statutes of the Council, Member States shall bear the expense of participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council and its committees.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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cc: Concerned Permanent Delegations, National Commissions for UNESCO and IHP National Committees

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