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To all Permanent Delegates
and Observers to UNESCO

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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite you to the celebration of World Water Day, which will take place online on 22 March 2021 from 13:00 to 14:45 (Paris time).

The event will feature a high-level opening session with speeches by representatives of the United Nations and Member States and special guests, followed by the presentation of the 2021 edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR 2021).

This year's Report focuses on the theme "Valuing Water", and addresses the social, economic and environmental dimensions of this issue. The report is published by UNESCO on behalf of UN-Water and its production is coordinated by the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme.

Please find enclosed the provisional programme of this celebration, which includes registration and connection details. Simultaneous interpretation in all official UN languages will be available.

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

Firmin Edouard Matoko