



PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE
GENEVA

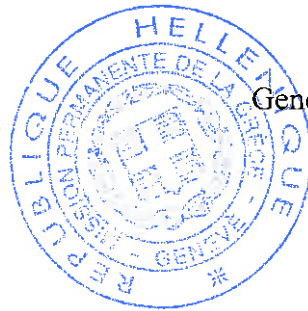
Ref. No. 6171.2/3/119

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 with reference to the questionnaire of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, dated 16 November 2015, has the honour to attach herewith the responses of the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction/General Secretariat for Gender Equality.

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.

ATX



Geneva, 26 January 2016

To: The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation

srwatsan@ohchr.org
registry@ohchr.org

Att.: 3 pages

ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗ ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΗ OFFICIAL TRANSLATION TRADUCTION OFFICIELLE
No. F 092,22/309

HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR GENDER EQUALITY
DIRECTORATE: SERVICES TO CITIZENS AND BODIES
DEPARTMENT: EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Postal Address: 8, Dragatsaniou St.

10559 Athens

Contact: Mr. G. Papageorgiou

Tel.: 2131511156

Fax: 2103231316

E-mail: geopapag@isotita.gr

Athens, 14/1/2016

Reference: D2 / DIETH / F 1.1 / 46

TO THE: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Directorate: D4 - Human Rights

cc: Permanent Greek Delegation, Geneva

Subject: "Questionnaire on the right to drinking water and sanitation".

Re: Your document under reference AS 516 / 7-1-2016.

In reply to your above relative document, please be advised that the General Secretariat for Gender Equality is particularly sensitised and, in the context of its networking and information dissemination actions with regard to gender equality issues, it has sent to the Parliament, Independent Authorities, Ministries and Social Partners, for their information and awareness, UNESCO's publication on the dimension of gender in the management of global water resources.

The publication was presented in the context of the 38th General Conference of the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - UNESCO (relative link of the General Secretariat for Gender Equality's website: <http://www.isotita.gr/index.php/news/2347>). It is a technical text, 52 pages in total, in printed format, in English and part of the data collection and statistical recording process of the UN Water Resources Program.

Ελληνική Δημοκρατία, Υπουργείο Εξωτερικών, Μεταφραστική Υπηρεσία
Hellenic Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Translation Service
République Hellénique, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Service de Traduction

ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗ ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΗ OFFICIAL TRANSLATION TRADUCTION OFFICIELLE
No. F 092.22/309

The publication highlighted the gap existing in the international scientific community, in terms of access to water resources, by men and women. Although in policy areas, such as population mortality, workforce or education, the States periodically collect statistics based on gender, this does not equally apply to the issue of water resources. According to the UNESCO publication, the highest statistical recording rate, based on gender, is found in the domain of mortality, since 85% of the States has the corresponding statistics. Next comes the workforce sector with 83% and the education and training sector with 81%. Access to clean water policy reaches 37%, when 45,2% of the countries do not collect any statistics on the relationship between women and water resources.

Of particular interest is the statistical presentation, on page 20 of the printed publication, which records the experiences of men and women in Bangladeshi households, on the topic of nutrition. The findings highlight, once again, the plight of female population, even on basic survival issues: 31,1% of women had borrowed food from their neighbours (the corresponding figure for men is 13,4%), 54,3% of women reported that their families did not eat meat at all (38% for men), 45,8% of women said that they ate a smaller quantity of food versus 37,2% of men, while 8,2% of women and 6,8% of men reported that they were asking for alms.

UNESCO's publication serves as a methodological tool for developing quantitative and qualitative indices, based on gender, for the planet's water resources, with six distinct classifications:

- a) collection, use and priorities in the use of water by households
- b) financial figures on water supply to households
- c) governance, decision-making and political participation
- d) sanitation indices
- e) agricultural sector indices
- f) equality with regard to water resources.

For your complete information on this issue, we hereby quote the link from the International Agency's website posting the technical publication, implemented with the support of the Italian government and the Region of Umbria:

ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗ ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΗ OFFICIAL TRANSLATION TRADUCTION OFFICIELLE
No. F.092.22/309

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002340/234082e.pdf>

Finally, it is worth noting that following intensive processes and efforts on the part of the Aristotle University Thessaloniki, the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Education, Research & Religious Affairs, the Executive Board of UNESCO adopted, on 15 October 2015, the Greek proposal on the establishment of the UNESCO Category II Water Resources Centre, at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

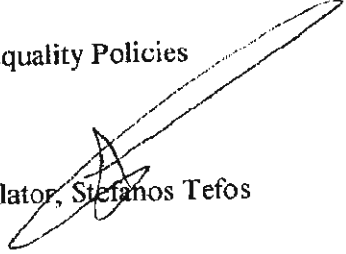
We remain at your disposal for any further cooperation you may need.

THE HEAD OF THE DIRECTORATE
MS. THEODORA KATSIVARDAKOU

Internal Distribution:

- Office of the Secretary General
- Directorate: Development and Support of Gender Equality Policies

True translation of the Greek original document.
Athens, 21/1/2016


The translator, Stefanos Tefos