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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the latter's note dated 17th February 2023, transmitting the call for inputs from the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar is pleased to attach herewith the information as received from the competent authorities in the State of Qatar.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest considerations.

Geneva, 3rd May 2023



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QUESTIONNAIRE

The global, regional, national or local legal and/or policy framework that:

Determines a framework or standards to protect aquatic ecosystems from overexploitation and pollution.

In the State of Qatar, the protection of aquatic ecosystems is governed by a legal policy framework that includes the Environmental Protection Law (Law No. 30 of 2002). This law provides a comprehensive framework for protecting the environment, including aquatic ecosystems, from various forms of pollution and establishes strong standards for the protection of marine ecosystems in Qatar's coastal waters.

In the case of marine environmental monitoring, the law requires that all activities that could affect the marine environment, such as industrial activities and waste disposal, be subject to monitoring and reporting. This includes monitoring of water quality, as well as other indicators of environmental health.

The Qatar marine environment monitoring program is overseen by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. This program includes monitoring water quality, sediment quality and other key parameters, in Qatar's coastal waters, as well as reporting on compliance with environmental regulations. The program collects data on a range of parameters, including salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pollutants, and uses this information to assess the health of marine ecosystems.

Regional or national mechanisms that protect water in the framework of the human rights to a clean and healthy environment.

The State of Qatar has developed a legal policy framework to protect water in the framework of the human rights to a clean and healthy environment. By implementing these policies, Qatar is taking important steps to ensure the sustainable management of its water resources, including its marine resources.

In the context of coastal environmental monitoring, the program requires regular monitoring of water quality in Qatar's marine environment. This includes monitoring of pollutants, such as heavy metals and chemicals, that can impact the health of aquatic ecosystems and the people who depend on them.

Statistics and Data sources:

Available independent and official data on the health of aquatic ecosystems to assess the need for restoration or conservation.

In the State of Qatar, there are several official data sources available (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Planning and Statistics Authority, ...) to assess the health of aquatic ecosystems. The availability of official data sources in Qatar allows for regular monitoring and assessment of the health of aquatic ecosystems, including sea water quality, and helps to enlighten decision-making on conservation and restoration efforts. These data sources are critical

for ensuring the sustainable management of Qatar's water resources and protecting the health of its marine ecosystems.



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OBJET/SUBJECT: **Call for inputs - Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation – Questionnaire to inform the thematic report on "Fulfilling the human rights of those living in poverty and restoring the health of aquatic ecosystems: two converging challenges."**

Please find attached a call for input from the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation.



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Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

17 February 2023

Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, pursuant to resolution 51/19 of the Human Rights Council.

In preparation of my upcoming thematic report focusing on "*Fulfilling the human rights of those living in poverty and restoring the health of aquatic ecosystems: two converging challenges*", I would like to invite your Excellency's Government to submit any relevant information through the questionnaire annexed to this letter. The report will be presented at the 54th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, in September 2023. I would be grateful if this letter and the accompanying questionnaire could be transmitted to relevant authorities, inviting all submissions by **no later than 20 March 2023**.

I kindly request that written contributions be sent in Word or pdf format to hrc-sr-watsan@un.org and to maria.acostalazo@un.org. Please indicate "Input Ecosystems Report" in the email subject line; limit your contributions to a maximum of 2,500 words and if necessary, provide links to relevant documents or attach annexes. We would be grateful if you can send your contributions in English, French or Spanish. Responses to the questionnaire can also be addressed to:

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All submissions will be posted on the [webpage](#) of my mandate.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Ms. Maria Jose Acosta Lazo, Human Rights Officer supporting my mandate at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (+41 22 959 71 84, maria.acostalazo@un.org).

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Arrojo-Agudo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Pedro Arrojo-Agudo
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation