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Management of water and sanitation for all
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I am representing the French Water Partnership. The French Water Partnership is a multistakeholder coalition that includes all types of French organisations: local and central governments, private sector, NGOs, and scientific organisations. The FWP, as a platform for multistakeholder dialogue on SDG , is thus an example of SDG 17.

We congratulate the ambition of SDG targets, and the holistic approach with which all major water challenges are covered.

However, the recent UN-Water Synthesis Report on Water and Sanitation highlights that the world is off track on achieving water and sanitation targets. Therefore, a steep acceleration of public policies on water management is an urgent necessity.

Today's meeting is the first in 10 years, since the 13th UNCSO, where all water issues can be debated at a political level at the core of the UN system . Spending only 3 hours every 3 years during HLPF on SDG6 and its numerous targets is certainly insufficient to secure significant progress on these issues and not to hamper the success of many other SDGs. All current intergovernmental meetings on water are either sub-sectoral or outside the core UN system which means in this latter case that they do not allow any decision-making and have no follow-up.

This is why, as stated by Germany, Mexico and Finland, we fully support the recommendation of the High Level Panel on Water that UN Member States should meet regularly and more often to discuss all water and sanitation challenges. We respectfully urge you to decide to organise regularly such political meetings at the core of the UN system. These intergovernmental meetings will be essential to coordinate efficient action on SDG targets, and ensure that the expected results are achieved.

Without this intergovernmental coordination at political level, water would continue to be insufficiently managed, thus impeding us to achieve the world we want.

I thank you for your attention.