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Amendment to the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)

Submitted by **IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)**

Part II.A – Programmes:

Major Programme:	II	Natural Sciences
Resolution No.:		02000
Main line of action:	6	Strengthening freshwater security
Paragraph:		2 b (11)
Budgetary implications indicated by the sponsor:		US \$100.000
Source of financing proposed by the sponsor:		Extrabudgetary resources and the financial contribution of the MENA States

Proposed modification:

- (11) Knowledge, innovation, policies and human and institutional capacities for water security **and water-energy nexus** strengthened through improved international cooperation;

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This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 20 September 2015.

Explanatory note:

Considering the emphasis placed by IHP VIII which aims to improve water security in response to challenges and understanding of the interfaces between the water-energy-food nexus. This approach is one way to solve the problem of water conflict between countries in arid areas of the world;

Given the increasing need for cross-sectoral collaboration for a better management of natural resources, including water and energy resources, and the need to identify synergetic applications across these resources;

Aware that water security is a key challenge for the 21st century (IHP VIII), and emphasized by ER 10, Major Programme II 38 C/5, Vol II, where reference is made to local, regional and global water security challenges strengthened;

Mindful of the experience of and challenges confronted by countries located in arid and semi-arid regions regarding water scarcity and drought as well as the challenges confronted by developing countries prone to climate change;

In emphasis of the above and aware that by explicitly focusing on water there is a risk of prioritizing water-related development goals over others, and in view of the proclamation of 2014 to 2024, by the United Nations, as the “UN Decade of Sustainable Energy For All”, we request the Director-General to:

Include the water-energy nexus issue to the IHP programmes for implementation in the IHP VIII by:

1. Organizing the conference on water-energy nexus in MENA region,
2. Promoting strengthened capacities on water – energy nexus through capacity-building and technology knowledge transfer programs and projects in Middle East region