**Special Event of the 2020 High-Level Forum Special Event**

**"Official launch of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework"**

**Thursday 9 July 2020, 07:00 - 08:30 (Peruvian time)**

**Mr Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN,**

**Mr Gilbert Houngbo, President of UN-Water,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Access to water and sanitation are essential services against COVID 19, to preserve the health of millions of people. The agriculture sector is promoting the optimization of water use, for which US$ 140 million has been allocated for maintenance activities of canals and drains, that allow an efficient use of water.

Yesterday, a financing fund was approved to provide 600 million Dollars in credits for small farmers to guarantee the 2020-2021 agricultural seasons, in line with the food security that has been affected by COVID 19.

The Ministry of Agriculture of Peru, through the National Water Authority (ANA), reports the following progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (ODS 6): Water and Sanitation:

**SDG 6.1.1:** The national population with access to water service through the public network is 91%.

**SDG 6.2.1:** 77% of the population has sewerage coverage.

**SDG 6.3.1:** 77%) of the population has basic sanitation services (BSS), where wastewater is treated safely.

**SDG 6.4.1:** The water extracted from natural sources by all economic sectors, represents 8,900 USD/m³.

**SDG 6.4.2:** The pressure of the demand for fresh water is 2 m³, per one cubic metre of water source supply. Water stress occurs mostly on the coast of Peru.

**SDG 6.5.1:** In year 2019, the degree of implementation of the integrated management of water resources is 40 points, increasing 10 points from year 2016.

**SDG 6.5.2:** ANA has managed water resources through agreements with neighboring countries, such as Bolivia, Ecuador, and Brazil, advancing 14% of surface waters in transboundary basins.

**SDG 6.6.1:** Progress has been made in monitoring lagoon and wetland ecosystems through satellite remote sensing and field work.

Moreover, we commit ourselves to accelerate the progress on SDG 6, in the following aspects:

* To implement and to monitor the SDG 6 at the institutional and multi-sectoral levels and at all three levels of government: national, regional and local.
* To support the design of standards and procedures aligned with the use of sustainable water resources, maintaining the aquatic communities.
* To establish a technical multisectorial commission, in order to promote the acceleration of SDG 6 in the institutions that comprise it.