The Republic of Korea’s comments
to the draft UN system-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation

The Republic of Korea commends the work of the UN-Water in preparing this important UN system-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation and lends its full support in its preparation and timely implementation to accelerate the achievement of SDG6.

To enhance the Strategy’s relevance and effectiveness, Korea would like to raise the following two points.

First, the Strategy should stress the importance of stronger science-policy interface. This could be referred to as strengthening policy cohesion “based on sound and robust scientific evidence” or “guided by latest scientific assessment”. We hope to see this highlighted and reflected in Outcome 3 and its outputs as well as in Outputs 4.2.

Second, Korea looks forward to seeing a concrete implementation action plan, currently indicated as Annex 1. This Collaborative Implementation Action Plan (CIAP), to be developed after the approval/endorsement of the Strategy, should harness the expertise and strengths of relevant agencies with the goal of its effective implementation.

As a country committed to promoting a water-secure future for all, the Republic of Korea reaffirms its promise to support our global neighbors in achieving SDG6.