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Dear Mr. Mrs. ,

Today we are on the eve of a hopefully major upheaval in the world of water. As union leader of FNV, the largest trade union in the Netherlands, I would like to express my great appreciation for the organization of this conference.

Please take a look around you. What a special group of people are going to connect over the next few days. As a trade union, we are honored to be able to inspire you with our best practices of the Netherlands, because without water, there is no life. We stand here together with great confidence to make the world of water more equal for all.

Water connects us, not only for now but in the near future. Together we feel the responsibility that we all bear together more than ever after today. I therefore call for cooperation. In the Netherlands we have the 'Polder model'. This means that employers, trade unions, schools and politicians are social partners and work together for good quality and affordable drinking water.

Our future is public. In the Netherlands we don't have privatized drinking water and all those organizations and workers who are involved are very satisfied with that. I would like to invite you to start or continue a dialogue.

Water is a human right, where you live, where you work, where you rest and for your health.

Let's share our experience, knowledge and actions to reach our common goals, not only during the conference, but as we return home.

As a trade union, we know how important balance in the drinking water sector is. The government ensures stability in the drinking water sector by not privatizing. There is no competition in the supply of water, no risk of rising water prices, and good services and water quality. As a trade union, we believe in investing in the training of new water workers, no competition in terms of employment, and employees being able to carry out their work with integrity. In times of water scarcity, it is necessary to work together. I therefore call on all decision-makers, employers and employees to work together so that we can really achieve our goals.

Our global goals cannot be achieved soon enough.

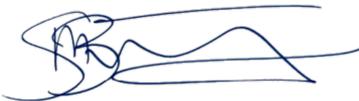
In the Netherlands, we have unfortunately experienced, in a number of sectors, that privatization is not the best solution.

Our Future of water is Public, we don't make a profit on water, and no one should. Good drinking water for everyone, with good facilities, is essential.

That is why, as a trade union, we want to keep talking to each other and to jointly ensure good quality drinking water, supplied by well-trained water workers, in a decent organisation.

We can't wait any longer.

With kind regards,



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