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**Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the
Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes
of the World Summit on Sustainable Development****Letter dated 11 September 2003 from the Permanent
Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan hosted the International Freshwater Forum in Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, from 29 August to 1 September 2003. The Forum was organized in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the Governments of the United States of America and Switzerland and the Aga Khan Foundation. The Forum was dedicated to the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, and its theme was "Water, environment and security".

The Forum was attended by almost 500 delegates from 53 countries, 11 specialized agencies and 91 international organizations. More than 250 journalists from various countries of the world covered the Forum.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed a letter of greeting to the delegates at the Forum.

Eighteen side events took place during the Forum, which offered opportunities for a broad exchange of views among Governments, civil society, leading scientists and water experts. From the viewpoint of the delegates' dialogue, cooperation and a joint search for the solution of the "water" problems that have been accumulating in today's interdependent world were the focus of the Forum.

Forum participants adopted the coordinated Dushanbe Water Appeal, which I have the honour to forward to you (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under item 97 of the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

(Signed) Rashid **Alimov**
Ambassador

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Annex to the letter dated 11 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General