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## Press Release

### Foreign Minister Momen presides over plenary session of UN Water Conference

**New York, 23 March 2023:**

Today Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP presided over the plenary session of the UN 2023 Water Conference. He chaired the third plenary session of the Conference.

Foreign Minister also delivered the closing remarks at the high-level event entitled “Water for Peace: From Source to Sea” at the UN Headquarters organized jointly by Bangladesh, Global Center on Adaptation and Deltares.

In his remarks, focusing on ‘Source to Sea’ approach on water cooperation, Foreign Minister stressed on the need to sustainable water management for promoting global peace and stability.

The Permanent Representative of Bangladesh Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith delivered welcome remarks and State Minister for Water Resources Zaheed Farooque, MP delivered the opening remarks. The panel discussion segment was enriched with the presence of a list of high-level speakers which included, among others, Abdul Khan, Minister for Water Supply of Nepal; Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Alexandra Ferreira de Carvalho, Secretary- General, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Action of Portugal; Francesca Bernardini, Chief, Transboundary Cooperation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; Patrick Verkooijen, CEO, Global Center on Adaptation; Ruth Mathews, Senior Manager and Coordinator, Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management, Stockholm International Water Institute and Toon Segeren, Director, Deltares International.

The event was attended by a significant number of diplomats and civil society representatives.

In the evening, Dr. Momen attended the launching event of the International Panel on Deltas and Coastal Areas (IPDC) at the invitation of the Government of Netherlands.

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