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Dear Mr. Mattiziti
Dear Mr. Eric
Ladies and Gentlemen

Before starting, I would like to transmit to you all Eng Fadel's deep apologies for not being able to share with us this important event.

Also the apologies from Eng. Rebhy Alsheikh that was supposed to arrive here and to replace Eng. Fadel, but unfortunately it was impossible to obtain him a permits to come from Gaza (it is usually happens with the Israelis)

However; It is PWA pleasure to celebrate with you the first seminar on the Euro Mediterranean Information on know- how the water sector.

In deed this seminar was planned to be conducted more than a year ago, but unfortunately because of the abnormal situation that all of us are passing we were forced to postpone it to this day.

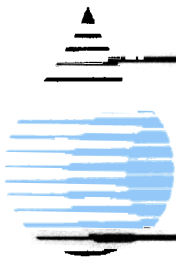
There is no doubt that the information is a crucial element in any activity and

Sometimes people link it with power (how much information they have how powerful they are)

But from our perspectives the importance is not coming from having only the information but in how make it available to every body, therefore we do believe that one of the main challenges in front of us consist in facilitating the access of water information to all people that are of need to have it in order to enable them to develop means, tools and ways to manage it in a sustainable manner.

Now a day the world is facing tremendous changes in all aspect of our life (political, social, economical, and above all environmental changes. this requires in many times a prompt actions, plans and measures, accordingly the accuracy and suitability of the actions and decision to be taken will depend on the availability of information

On the agenda 21 UN underlined at the importance of water information on the implementation of the integrated water resources management plans at national and regional level



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It is very important to be aware on what the other are doing to protect their water resources How they are managing it, regulating it

For example water directive framework, other's experiences in Public private partnership, innovative technologies in wastewater treatment and desalinization, Institutional reforms, socio-economic patterns, water conflict resolution in trans- boundary water resources, global changes as one of the main challenges in our days

And also letting the others knowing about our experiences, problems, constrains and needs

Kids our future generations and the pioneers to achieve the MDGs have also the right to access the information and to be aware how to get it and to reach it

Therefore; We in PWA and understanding these requirements, we were, and are promised to do our best to facilitate the process of accessing all data we find it is important to our partners in the Mediterranean and the region and above all to our national partners.

I know that we have to say more and more in this topic but unfortunately because of the limit time giving to all of us not me only, let me close my speech by reiterating my welcoming to Mr. Mazzitti and his colleague Eric Mino,

By the way Mr. Mazzitti and since the starting of the project was and still a very strong supportive to PWA, not only in the project but wherever the water issues are tackled, so thank you millions of times

Thank you all