INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE PROF. KITILA MKUMBO, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AT MORENA HOTEL DODOMA 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

Hon. Jumaa Aweso; Deputy Minister for Water in the United Republic of Tanzania

Hon. Marcin Pryzdacz; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland;

Mr. Michal Cygan; Director, Department of Development Cooperation

Mr. Krzysztof Kopytko; Head of the Sub Saharan African Unit Polish Ambassador in Tanzania All distinguished delegates from Poland Ministry Representatives Directors and Technical Staff from Ministry of Water All distinguished invited guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning.

First and foremost, I am cordially inviting the Polish delegation from Warsaw, Poland. Also, welcome our fellows from Arusha, Musoma, Mwanza and Dar es Salaam for dedicating your time and giving priority this seminar. **Please welcome and feel comfortable.**

The seminar is jointly organized between the Ministry of Water, Ministry of Foreign Affairsand East African Cooperation in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland. The aim of this visit is final assessment of the needs of Tanzanian water sector in the field of water management, water supply and wastewater management including possible wastewater to energy solution in Dodoma and Dar es Salaam particularly in Kigamboni area.

It should also be noted that, the specific objectives of the seminar to be followed by field visit is to reach a common understanding on some of the main water-related issues to Renewable Energy and cleaner energy production from wastewater, Capacity development needs and information necessary for ICT system enhancement.

To us this two days seminar is an occasion of importance since it identify the areas of cooperation between the Government of Tanzania and Poland in the development of water sector particularin construction of water supply and sewage infrastructure, energy production, water supply distribution networks etc. It is an opportunity for all participants to join with us to identify water-related challenges and discuss how Poland could support Tanzania to address and their contribution to the implementation of effective and efficient water sector in Tanzania.

Honourable Chairman;

This seminar is result offirst Polish Missionthrough Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) held at Dodoma last September, 2018 followed by the Tanzanian delegates visitation to Poland held on November, 2018. The previous missionidentified how Poland and the OECD could support Tanzania to address water-related challenges and contribute to the implementation of effective and efficient water sector policy reforms in Tanzania.

Honourable Chairman;

This seminar drew 50 participants from the Polish water sector experts from Government of Poland (GoP), the Ministry of Water (URT), Ministries of Foreign Affairs, VPO-Environment, Ministry of

Health, Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP), Ministry of Education and participants from the Ministry's Institutions such as; RUWASA, EWURA, DAWASA, DUWASA, AUWSA and MUWASA.

The seminar arranged with presentations from MoW, presentations on Urban Water Supply and Sanitation systems experience of Dar es Salaam and Dodoma cities followed by presentation from Poland experiences that will be deliberated contributions towards the successful outcomes of this seminar.

Apart from the presentation, the Ministry of Water in collaboration with its institution of DAWASA and DUWASA organized field visit to the proposed areas of cooperation in the city of Dar es Salaam and Dodoma and finally signing the cooperation agreement (MoU) between the Government of Tanzania and Poland.

Honourable Chairman,

With this few introductory words, let me invite, Hon. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affair for Poland Republic to give an opening statement from Poland.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION