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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council about an upcoming high level event in Budapest.

Under the patronage of H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary and Member of the High Level Panel on Water convened by the UN Secretary General and the President of World Bank, Hungary will be hosting the Budapest Water Summit 2016, a high-profile conference and expo to be held between 28 and 30 November 2016 in Budapest.

The Budapest Water Summit 2013, co-hosted with the World Water Council and supported by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, was instrumental in developing a dedicated goal on water featuring today in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Budapest Statement, adopted at the end of the Summit, proved to be a key document for the formulation of principles and targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6.

The ultimate goal of the Budapest Water Summit 2016 is to help understanding how water, a key natural resource of the 21st century, is connected to the implementation of the interlinked and integrated sustainable development agenda. The event is planned to pursue a pragmatic, solution-oriented approach open to innovative and cost-efficient technologies and methods to be turned into bankable projects as soon as possible. The Summit will help to build on the success of the Climate Summit in Paris in order to promote the sustainable management of water based on an integrated approach, supported by international cooperation.

The three-day event is to promote in a very concrete manner the implementation of the sustainable development water goal and all related targets on water and sanitation, as well as to achieve progress on the implementation of the water-related aspects of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman!