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Subject:	Celebrating the anniversary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention): 30 years of fruitful cooperation on water (Tallinn, Estonia, 30 June 2022) - Information from the Estonian and Finnish delegations

Delegations will find in the Annex an information note from the Estonian and Finnish delegations on the above subject, to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Environment) meeting on 17 March 2022.

Celebrating the anniversary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention): 30 years of successful water cooperation

(Tallinn, Estonia, 30 June 2022)

- Information from the Estonian and Finnish delegations -

2022 marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), which was adopted in Helsinki in 1992. The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia, together with UNECE, and in cooperation with Finland, are planning to hold a celebratory event in Tallinn, Estonia, on 30 June 2022 to mark the occasion.

The anniversary event will be preceded by the fourth joint meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, which will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, on 28-29 June 2022.

The anniversary event aims to review progress made towards achieving the Convention's long-term vision: riparian countries worldwide managing their transboundary waters in a cooperative manner thereby ensuring sustainable development and peace. The event will also offer the opportunity to reflect on the Convention's role in operationalising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development (2018–2028), and other international commitments on sustainable development and climate change.

Participants are invited to attend in person, nonetheless, due to possible COVID-19 restrictions, virtual participation will be also be possible. Additional information will be shared in due course.

Estonia and the UNECE Secretariat look forward to welcoming all representatives of the parties and non-parties to the Convention, acceding countries, international and non-governmental organizations and academia to the event.