

**Closing statement by Mr. Meelis Münt, Secretary General of the
Ministry of the Environment, Estonia
Special event marking the 30th anniversary of the Water
Convention
Tallinn Creative Hub and online, 30 June 2022**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our special event marking the 30th anniversary of the Water Convention is coming to an end.

During the day, we have heard nice personal small tales from previous chairs of the Convention, launched a very informative and full of good examples anniversary publication on the 30 years of impact and achievements of the Water Convention, have had interesting discussions on experience of successful implementation of the Water Convention, and looked into the future.

As we have discussed, and I am convinced, that transboundary water cooperation has been and will be important in sustainable management of shared water resources, and in preventing conflicts, promoting sustainable development and increasing climate change resilience. The Water Convention is important and a lot has been done so far. Over the three decades, the Convention has proven its effectiveness. It has fostered the development of international agreements and establishment of joint bodies for transboundary water management as well as strengthening of cooperation at both the political and technical levels and regional integration.

Over the 30 years, the Water Convention has been supporting basins and countries fostering transboundary water cooperation. We also discussed and learned about

the challenges ahead us in the future concerning shared water resources management and how the Convention could be utilized here.

I am very thankful to the whole transboundary water cooperation community for their valuable work done during these 30 years.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the participants and to all the organisers of this great event!

Thank you!