

**Statement of the Croatian delegation at the opening session of the Fourth
Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Water Convention
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the period from our last meeting in Madrid, Croatia has completely participated in the implementation of the programme that was adopted.

Regarding the bilateral cooperation and related activities, we would like to highlight good cooperation on transboundary issues with our neighbouring countries: Hungary, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Furthermore, we are in the procedure of signing the agreement on bilateral cooperation on water management with Montenegro and we expect to initiate the same procedure with Serbia in the near future.

We find very important to stress the establishment of the international Sava River Basin Commission with head office in Zagreb and its activities within the Sava River basin.

On the national level, we would like to point out the intensive legislative activities, as the new Water Act, which is harmonized with the EU Water Framework Directive and the Water policy of the EU.

Thank you for your attention.

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