

**Speech of Minister of State Enikő Győri on the High-Level International Conference
on Water Cooperation in The Hague on 22nd March 2013**

Your Royal Highness, Madame President, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen!

First, I would like to thank the Dutch Government for organizing this important conference to celebrate the World Water Day. The Government of Hungary has always greatly appreciated the leading role of the Netherlands in global water issues.

Our conference – the Budapest Water Summit – which will be organized by the Hungarian Government will be the last major event in 2013 where the international community comes together to make up its mind about the future of water.

By October we will have a lot of substance to take stock of. But it will still be early enough to influence the activities of the Open Working Group. So we believe that the Budapest Summit can, and hopefully will, be the key event that identifies the main components of a broad sustainable development goal on water. So we are ready to work along the lines of the outcome statement of this conference.

Hungary would like to achieve that success in close cooperation with Governments, the UN system, businesses and civil society.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Water is particularly precious resource for Hungary. Additionally, we believe we have a lot to offer to the world when it comes to water. In order to build on that experience and on the success of today's High Level Forum as well as on the upcoming international events I would like to invite you all to our Danubian capital to take part in the Budapest Water Summit in October this year!

Thank you!