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STATEMENT FROM HUNGARY

Hungary does not oppose the adoption of the Council conclusions on the European Water Resilience Strategy in the spirit of compromise and solidarity, and for the purpose of reaching a consensus on 21 October in the Environment Council.

However, Hungary considers the conclusions' text on the war in the Ukraine in paragraph (53) as a language agreed upon in a previous context and believes that it does not fully reflect the new geopolitical circumstances. Hungary believes that with the start of the peace negotiations, led by the United States, the conflict has entered a new phase to which the EU needs to adapt its policy-making. In addition to it Hungary strongly oppose the politicized manner of the referred paragraph.

In light of the above and bearing in mind the new geopolitical realities, Hungary will not consider the Ukraine related paragraph as an agreed Union policy, which thus is not to be replicated as agreed language in future EU documents.
