

## **Belgium on behalf of EU**

First of all, the EU and its Member States, together with Sri Lanka as co-tablet of this resolution, would like to express their gratitude to the other delegations and the co-chair, for the collaborative spirit we had while negotiating this resolution.

The EU and its Member States would like to present to you the resolution “Effective and inclusive solutions for strengthening water policies to achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”, document UNEP/EA.6/L.16.

The objective of this resolution was to consolidate the actions on water, build further on the outcomes of the UN Water Conference of 2023, and to move ahead with global action on water, because water stress is an issue that requires global attention and action. Moreover, it highlights the importance of traditional knowledge and approaches, including that associated with cascaded tank village systems, a topic brought forward by Sri Lanka.