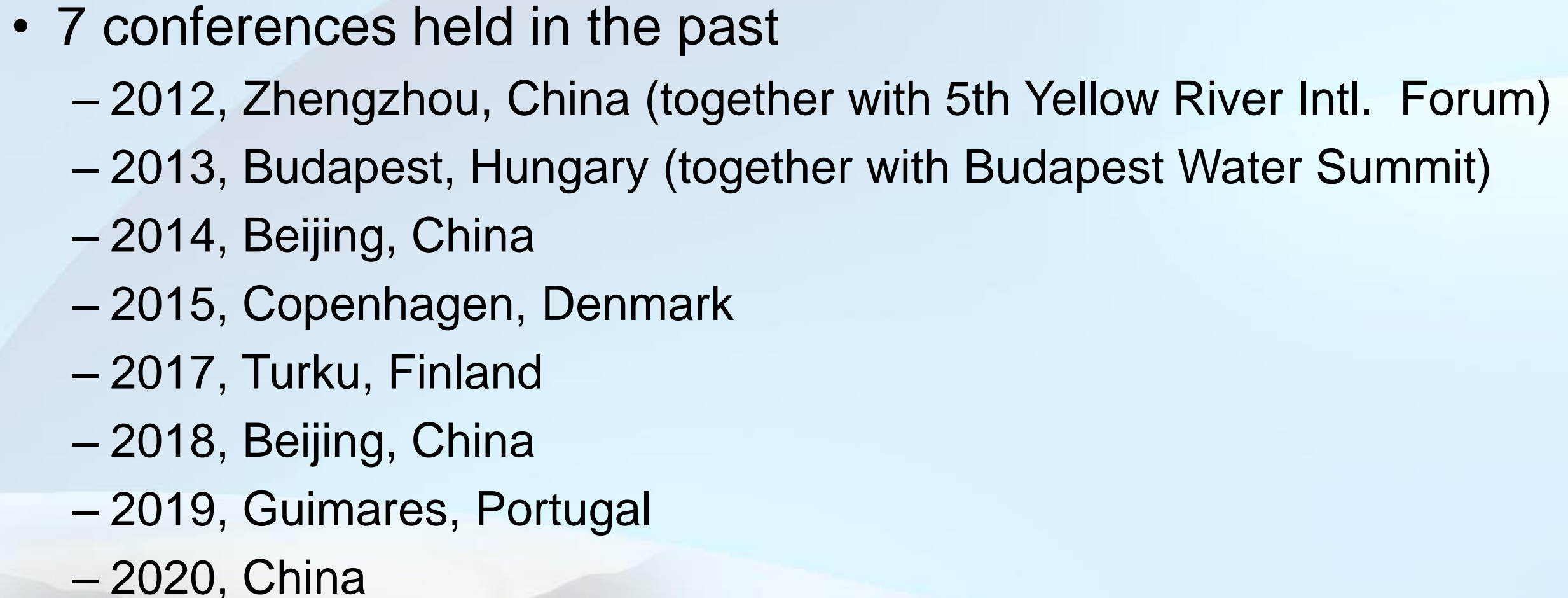


Proposal for the 8th Annual High Level Dialogue Conference in China

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- Annual high level dialogue conference, a well-known brand in the China European water cooperation
 - One of the three pillars of CEWP
 - Platform for policy exchange & dialogue;
 - Showcasing China and European's successful stories and commitments;
 - Gathering of cooperative partners looking for potential commercial and scientific cooperation;
 - Promotion of business exchange; etc.

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- 7 conferences held in the past
 - 2012, Zhengzhou, China (together with 5th Yellow River Intl. Forum)
 - 2013, Budapest, Hungary (together with Budapest Water Summit)
 - 2014, Beijing, China
 - 2015, Copenhagen, Denmark
 - 2017, Turku, Finland
 - 2018, Beijing, China
 - 2019, Guimares, Portugal
 - 2020, China



- organized in China and one European country in turn
- originally, the 8th conference was planned to hold in Zhengzhou, China in September
- Due to unprecedented impact of COVID-19, there is great uncertainty of the Conference
 - we do not know when China will reopen for international travelling
 - there is potential risk of 2nd, or even 3rd wave of pandemic outbreak
 - ministers' agenda full by dealing related issues
 - many international events postponed, (2020 Olympic Games, Singapore International Water Week, UN High Level Meeting on Water, etc.)

- We propose to reach consensus of the following at the stage
 - theme: **Water and High Quality Development**, or **Water, Governance and Ecysystem Protection**
 - venue: Zhengzhou, China
 - date: **the last quarter of the year**, or **next April or May** in China, depending on the development of the pandemic...