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On the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape

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Mehmet CEYLAN, *Governor*

Distinguished participants,
Dear guests,

First of all I would like to welcome you all in Nevşehir, Ürgüp and Cappadocia. This is the 15th Council of Europe meeting titled "Sustainable Landscapes and Economy" and I hope that it is going to be useful for both Turkey and all the parties to the Convention and the globe. And I hope that it will be a very useful meeting for the globe.

Dear guests,

The Cappadocia Region is very rich in terms of nature, culture and landscape. Through the centuries they have been well preserved and today we still have them and from now on in the future we will continue to preserve and protect this very important historical and cultural heritage, and also it is very important for

economy and tourism, it is also very valuable to transfer to our future generations. This meeting is themed as "Sustainable Landscapes and Economy" and it is a very good choice of the value because Cappadocia Region is very important for sustainable landscapes and economy. And I believe that you, distinguished scientists and all the participants here, will make their deliberations on sustainable landscapes and our natural, historical and cultural heritages and their economic aspects you have a lot of papers to present, you will make deliberations, and I hope that they all are going to be useful and fruitful deliberations. And in Nevşehir, in Cappadocia, in Ürgüp you will also enjoy the beauties in this region and therefore it was a good choice of the venue as I said and I thank the distinguished Director General and his staff for selecting Cappadocia as the venue for this meeting. Once again welcome to Cappadocia and I wish you a fruitful deliberations and a fruitful work.

Thank you.