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Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

We are delighted that the 14th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, focusing on the forum of national selections for the third session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award, namely Session 2012-2013, is being held here in Poland, in Wrocław. On behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, I would like to thank warmly the Ministry of the Environment of Poland and the General Directorate for Environmental Protection of Poland for their cooperation in the organisation of this event.

Significant projects carried out in the member States of the Organisation during this third session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award will be described during these happy days. They show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of people's living environments.

I would like to thank those who devised these projects and the government representatives who supported them for the considerable effort they put into completing and selecting them at national level.

I would like to extend special congratulations to the Lower Silesian Association of Landscape Parks of Poland, the winner of the Landscape Award 2013 who welcomed us in the Przemkowski Landscape Park, for the exemplary work achieved in the Szprotawa river valley.

I hope that the collection of outstanding best practices developed across Europe which will be presented to us during these two days, from Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain and the United Kingdom, will inspire and give rise to similar activities in other geographical areas.

The European Landscape Convention provides an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today. By developing a new territorial culture, the Council of Europe Landscape Award seeks to promote quality of people's surroundings.

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