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***CLOSING SPEECH***

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Dear Ladies, dear Gentlemen!

All good things come to an end and so does our forum of the 5th session of Landscape Award of Council of Europe. During these days we had an excellent opportunity to share experiences and best practices, not only in the management of landscapes, but also in creating quality of everyday life for our citizens.

Strategically planned public participation and involvement of our citizens helps us to raise awareness of the real values – both natural and cultural heritage of our countries and communities. It also helps to strengthen our roots by introducing historical treasures to the community. Once again, during this forum we acknowledged that being aware of our past helps us to build a better future for our communities by keeping the traditions alive, and meanwhile also introducing new activities and creating jobs. This is the key to lively communities!

Moreover, it is a great pleasure to have so many countries here in Latvia and despite all of you travelling to Daugavpils, during these days we had 12 more journeys to the countries of participants of the 5th session of the Landscape Award. Therefore I would like to thank each of you and particularly Italy, Norway, Slovak Republic, Andorra, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Serbia and Spain for the organisation of these virtual journeys to their sincere communities.

In conclusion I would like to thank those people who made these days for us – first of all, let's give a hand to our wonderful interpreters, they did a great job. I would also like to thank Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons for keeping this wonderful co-operation alive and to Mrs Susan Moller for the efforts in organising this event.

But my last thank you goes to our hosts – the team from Council of Daugavpils city, particularly to Mr Jānis Dukšinskis, Mrs Inga Goldberga, Mrs Daina Krīviņa, Mr Artjoms Maļins, Mrs Viktorija Kozlovska, Mrs Ilona Maksimčika and many more. Thank you for your hospitality, this well organised event and the good mood you always bring to others!