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On behalf of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, allow me to express our gratitude to the Council of Europe for initiating and organising this national symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, and confirm our appreciation to our colleagues for their co-operation.

The Ministry is happy to host this event targeted at implementation of the convention at national level, sharing the best European practice for the integration of landscape-related issues in the sectoral policy and the provision on the ground for inter-agency dialogue and co-ordination.

Our Ministry is in charge of the elaboration and implementation of the spatial and urban planning of Georgia, as well as construction policies and, therefore, we clearly see the necessity of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia is ready for further co-operation in terms of the convention's implementation.

Thank you.