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of the European Landscape Convention in Georgia*

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CLOSING SPEECH

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

We had an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the different aspects of the convention, thanks to the presentations introduced here. Information on the relevant methodology, involvement of the interested parties, vertical and horizontal links in inter-agency communication, spatial and urban planning and the convention's implementation process attracted the particular interest of the audience.

In the context of the convention, interesting and useful presentations were presented on many issues. Particularly significant are the vertical and horizontal links of the methodology, the involvement of stakeholders, the different hierarchical levels of spatial and urban planning and the implementation of the convention.

We strongly believe that the best practice and experience shared by our European colleagues will greatly contribute to the implementation of the convention in Georgia, as well as in elaboration of the National Landscape Strategy and the relevant Action Plan.

The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia will continue co-operation with different parties in the process of implementing the convention.

We are very happy to receive such positive feedback on this symposium and let me once again express our gratitude for your effective facilitation.