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Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of all the participants, I wish to thank the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for their warm hospitality. It was an immense pleasure to participate in this event and to discover the deeply compelling landscapes of Bosnia of Herzegovina.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Mr Senior Advisor, Edin Veladzic; Mr Executive Director Slobodan Nagradic; Mrs Expert Advisor Lamija Abdijevec; Mr President of the Assembly of the City Dragoslav Banjak; and of course, to Mr Dejan Radosevic, Head of Section, for your greatly appreciated co-operation.

I thank the Chair of the Conference and the speakers for their excellent presentations and the participants for their interventions and contributions to the debates.

We really hope that these presentations and discussions have shown us that the development of landscape policies, at national, regional and local level are making progress in many states: national strategies and landscape action plans and charters are being adopted, new legislation, tools and financial instruments are being set up, and new ways of horizontal and vertical co-operation are

appearing. These advances are extremely relevant for the effective implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

The holistic approach and long-term perspective inherent in these measures are instrumental in promoting sustainable and harmonious territorial development. Human rights and democracy are key values of the Council of Europe, and this convention contributes to promote their implementation a sustainable development perspective.