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Closing speech

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to express my congratulations to the newly elected chair and vice chair. I wish them a lot of energy, success and results in their work, as well as a "pandemic-free" term.

I would like to thank the representatives of the parties, representatives of signatories and representatives of the Council of Europe bodies, representatives of Council of Europe member States, which are not yet parties or signatories of the Convention, representatives of observer States and representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organisations for their work which has contributed to the achievements we shared on the Conference. I think we had two fruitful days after hard work of two years.

I am very pleased that the Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention will enter into force on the first of July opening the treaty to non-European States. We are also pleased of the new name of the convention: the Council of Europe Landscape Convention. I wish you every success for the next two years, when perhaps we will be able to meet again in person for the next Conference on the European Landscape Convention.