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of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

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Opening speech

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In my capacity as Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape of the Council of Europe, in short, the CDCPP, I am pleased to deliver this opening address at the 11th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.

The Convention provides that the existing competent Committees of Experts, since some years the CDCPP, is entrusted by the Committee of Ministers of the Organisation with the monitoring of its implementation.

The Steering Committee on Culture, Heritage and Landscape thus remains very attentive to the work you are developing in the framework of the Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention.

The Steering Committee or CDCPP is preparing a Strategy for the period 2022-2025 to provide a framework for its work in the field of culture, heritage and landscape. It will recall the Council of Europe's core values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Culture, nature and heritage play a key role in promoting respect for diversity, tolerance, understanding and inclusion, and in ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights.

As the setting for our lives, the landscape also contributes to the formation of local cultures. It is, as the Convention emphasises, “a basic component” of the natural and cultural heritage.

This period of pandemic has shown us to what extent the landscape is a truly essential asset. Its quality is crucial to the health and well-being of everyone, as I guess we all have experienced over the last year, having been limited to our near surroundings.

I would like to conclude by wishing you a successful Conference and by indicating that the Steering Committee will carefully examine the results of this Conference and submit them to the Committee of Ministers.

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