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Exhibition

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Dear Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The concept of landscape is increasingly a priority in discussions of public policy. Faced with complex environmental, health, social and economic challenges, our societies are looking for appropriate development models that offer solutions at the required scale.

The work you are developing undoubtedly provides concrete responses to the questions at hand.

I am also pleased that you are continuing your work on another topic that is central to the concept of democracy, the question of responsibility. The texts you are preparing on this subject will be of great interest to the actors involved in the protection of the landscape, and the stakeholders invested in building a sustainable future for the living environment.

It is an honour for me now to open this on-line exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe.

The Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe adopted by the Committee of Ministers resolved that the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the Convention in the framework of the sessions of the Landscape Award and acknowledged by the Committee of Ministers are part of the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe".

This Alliance gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention. They show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscapes in which people live their lives.

I would like to offer my warm congratulations to the representatives of the ministries and the architects of these achievements on their success.

A thought-provoking photographic exhibition on Hungarian landscapes, with the evocative title "Magical Hungary," is also organised in the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. I would like to thank the Permanent Representation of the Council of Europe and the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture for the work they have done to present it to you.

Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons and Mrs Krisztina Kincses will present these two exhibitions to you, and I wish you great success in your work.

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