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STUDY VISIT – WELCOME SPEECH

*Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Representative of the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe,
Secretary of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape*

Dear Mrs Kristīne Kedo, Head of Spatial Planning Policy Division, Spatial Planning Department,
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Dear Mrs Dace Granta, Senior Expert in the Spatial Planning Policy Division of the Spatial Planning
Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development,

Dear Mrs Inga Goldberga, Executive Director of Daugavpils City Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This 20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session 2016-2017*”, is organised in Daugavpils, in Latvia on 19-21 June 2018, by the Council of Europe – Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation – in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional

Development, Republic of Latvia and Daugavpils City Council, within the context of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe.

On behalf of the participants in this Study Visit, I would like to express our pleasure to be in Daugavpils and our thanks to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, and to the Representatives of Daugavpils City Council and of the Interreg Latvija-Lietuva Programme, for their hospitality. We are delighted that this opening session and the visit of the Fortress will allow participants to learn about the process of the Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects.

I would also like to warmly thank the representatives of the Ministries and the authors of the thirteen projects who took part in the adventure of this 5th Session of the Landscape Award. Thank you also very much for your greatly appreciated participation in this event.

We warmly welcome the government officials and participants from other Members States of the Council of Europe and other countries, representatives of local and regional authorities, universities, professionals, public and private governmental and non-governmental organisations working in the field of landscape and sustainable management, with its environmental, cultural, social and economic dimensions.

Your participation is whole-heartedly appreciated and I hope that these three days spent together in Daugavpils will contribute to creating positive initiatives and synergies for the future.

Thank you for your attention.

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