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Distinguished representatives of the Engineers Chamber of Montenegro,
Honourable representatives of the General Meeting of the European Council of
Civil Engineers,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am very pleased that Montenegro, precisely the Chamber of Engineers of Montenegro, is the host of 69th Session of the General Meeting of the European Council of Civil Engineers. I believe that this is a special honour in your professional work, as it is my pleasure today to open this meeting.

Thanks to such meetings, this profession is in the position to exchange opinions, experience from practice, to keep you as professionals informed about the latest achievements in the field of engineering, especially in the field of civil engineering. In this way, the limits in the construction of facilities are expanded, in their technical equipping and adjustment for the most comfortable life of the citizens. When we look at the range of jobs that fall within the engineering, it seems that almost everything that surrounds us could not have been built without the supervision of civil engineers, mechanical engineers, architects and electrical engineers. If a dispute would start between the God and Nature about the issue who created the world, it seems that the engineers could say - we created almost everything else on earth.

Uniting of knowledge and ideas always gives results. That is why the state of Montenegro recognized the importance of associating graduated engineers and in 2000 it founded the Engineers Chamber of the Republic of Montenegro.

Today, the Chamber works on the improvement of skills, protection of the public interest in the field of construction of facilities, improvement of the

conditions for carrying out activities in the field of construction of facilities and exercises the powers determined by the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction of Facilities. Special emphasis was put on the professional development of engineers, which is a sign of responsibility towards the profession and a clear indicator that it is constantly striving to follow the global innovations.

Today, Montenegro has about 3,000 certified engineers of architecture, civil engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering who are engaged in the development of technical documentation and the construction of facilities. By setting clear rules and by respecting the highest criteria, we ensure the quality respect of space, facilities and ultimately we show the concern for man and future generations.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am especially pleased that there are experts among you today from Great Britain, Germany, Turkey, Russia - countries whose development is practically in all areas at the global level. That is why I believe that the enthusiasm, the knowledge and the huge experience that you have brought to Montenegro, will greatly contribute to the improvement of the highest technical and ethical standards of this profession.

In addition, this is also a great opportunity for you to get familiar with local tourist offer and our culture. Let me also emphasize the traditional Montenegrin hospitality in which, I believe, you will enjoy and that will remind you of our country. Also, I will take this opportunity, as the Minister of Tourism, to invite you to come to our country on a private occasion, to enjoy the beautiful nature of our north, national parks, the most various beaches and landscapes.

In the end, I would like to wish you all a successful work and good cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.