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Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguish Delegates

Let me first to thank to the government of Serbia for organisation of this conference which evidently will be a step forward in improvement of the status of the environment in Europe.

1. It should be noted that the countries of the South and East Europe have achieved a great progress in adjusting and adopting modern environmental legislation, building the potential of national environmental protection institutions, improving the condition of the environment, accomplishing tasks and obligations from international agreements, creating access to information and building society based on knowledge.

2. Lesson learnt by Poland during transformation period indicate that only sustainable approach to development could bring notable effects in economic growth, social development and environment in long perspective.

3. As it was presented during the previous session we are in Poland on this path, although a lot still should be done. One of the important issue in front of us in the changing of consumption and production patterns, changing the product policy and taking into account external costs to reduce consumption of natural resources.

4. It is important to focus on implementation of environmental legislation, increasing investments in the environment, improving intersectoral cooperation, developing international cooperation, promoting education for the benefit of sustainable development, strengthening local authorities, developing public and private partnership and making use of the EU accession process effectively.

5. A great attention should be paid to all aspects of ecological safety.

6. Another important issue is the implementation of modern technologies and innovation what is the main condition not only from the environmental point of view but for future development in sustainable way.

7. And finally, having in minde the necessity to reach within Climate Change Convention a global agreement on activities post 2012 period, tostop climate changes we support the initiative to call subregional climate change Centre in Belgrade. Establishment of this centre will permit the South – East European countries to participate at more efficiet way in international effords to mitigate climate change.

Thank you for your attention.