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We are grateful to the Slovenian Presidency for the preparation of this meeting at this beautiful place and for the very good work done by the presidency team.

With regard to the interim report, we think it contains the main elements of the Territorial Agenda process, is very informative and clear in expressing the possibilities for the development of the Territorial Agenda. In particular, we appreciate the method for monitoring and assessing the progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action. We want to reiterate our support for the work of the NTCCP, as the operative way to keep the process ongoing and link the role of the successive presidencies.

On the question of indicators for implementation we think annex 1 could be a good basis but we are in favour of a simple system. We agree with those who have defended the need to study more in depth this question before coming to a decision on a set of indicators. We agree as well with the involvement of the stakeholders on this issue.

In relation to the web site proposal, we appreciate very much the initiative and proposal of Portugal; it is a basic tool for our communication and awareness duties. On the question of languages, we think that English should remain the working language. But in order to improve dissemination and participation, Member and Partner States could provide with translations and links to sites and texts in their own languages.

With reference to the actions in the Programme, we think we are seeing a promising start in this very beginning of the process and we congratulate Slovenia for the job done in this initial phase. We share the view that we should progress with some caution in the number of actions to be opened considering our limited resources. We think it is important to keep and aggregate vision of the actions in order to obtain best results. We appreciate very much the possibility for the regions to participate in the actions, in our case we have three of our regions involved in different actions of the Programme.

Thank you.