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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor and pleasure to address you on behalf of the Government of Montenegro and to express satisfaction for convening today's Conference after successful finalization of the preparatory process during 2007 and 2008.

Today, when the world is faced with global challenges of economic crisis, climate changes, depleting natural resources, rising energy prices it is become evident that all responsible governments should join efforts in finding solutions to these issues. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance that the Government of Montenegro attaches to the establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency which will provide assistance to its member states in the implementation of polices of energy efficiency, rational energy utilization and promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

We believe that encouraging diversification in the use of different types of energy will be conducive to the creation of favorable conditions for the development of economies of different countries, provide opportunities for additional jobs, bring higher security in energy supply and have positive impact on the environment. Key objective of IRENA to promote the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of renewable energy worldwide is in accordance with the priorities outlined in Energy Development Strategy of Montenegro by 2025.

I would like to conclude by reiterating the commitment of the Government of Montenegro to be reliable partner in the implementation of the tasks and objectives laid out in the Statute of IRENA. We look forward to cooperating with other countries and all interested stakeholders in identifying solutions for transformation of today's deficient energy system towards a system based on reliable, affordable, clean and sustainable energy supply.

Thank you.