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Ladies and gentlemen!

I met everybody at the
reception yesterday. I am
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representative of the Ukrainian Environmental League and I would like to give you a warm welcome in Kiev. The Ukrainian Environmental Minister, Mr. Polyakov apologizes to you for not being here, but he has governmental occupation.

I am really happy that we can meet here in Kiev, Ukraine, after all we are really interested and involved in the Tisza River Basin's problem, which starts from Ukrainian territory, from Sub-Carpathia, and influences the whole Carpathian-basin. I would like to thank to Mr. Béla Jarolics that he is not focusing only the Tisza River environmental problems but the social and economical problems as well. He is trying to find solutions in these complex questions which can help to solve the problems of this area. The Sub-Carpathian forests, which represent a considerable value, are at under continuous lumbering and the number of these forests is decreasing. As the unemployment rate is high and the local industry is declining and technically there is no other income source. This difficult situation is a good example for that the questions of the environmental are not possible to enhance alone, we need a complex view and problem solving. That is why I am so happy that we could meet here in Kiev.

In my opinion the memorandum, which is going to be signed at the end of the day by all the five countries, will manifest in efficient future co-operation. For our part this signature is the declaration of that for the success of this project we will work at ministry level and we will do ours best to do it successfully.

Thank you for your attention.