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On behalf of the International Council for Science (ICSU), I bring greetings to all the participants at this important International Conference on Technology and Society and their relationships with the Future. Seeing the future is an essential element in our role as scientists and it is necessary to bring together all aspects of science, technology and society in order to enable our forward projections. To do this, we need to bring together a very broad range of disciplinary scientists and to enable transdisciplinary science; in this, we are working very closely with the International Social Sciences Council (ISSC) and are pleased that they are also represented here. Thanks to the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, one of the 122 National Members covering 142 countries, of the International Council for Science. We value greatly the input from our Members, from a national, multidisciplinary perspective, on priority areas for our future activities. This Conference is especially important in this broad context and also specifically for our Future Earth: Research for Global Sustainability. It is also important that the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA), Global Round Table (GRT), and European Federation of National Academies of Sciences and Humanities (All European Academies-ALLEA) are also cooperating in this Conference. The interactions and synergies amongst our international organizations provide for the scientific inputs towards moving the global community ahead for the benefits of societies, all societies. A conference addressing issues of technology in all its aspects and the broad aspects of society is very important and I am very confident that this Confidence will contribute greatly in these aspects. Thank you for inviting me and I look forward to the presentations and discussions and continuing dialogue into the future.