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*Mr. President,*

I regret that, due to my absence from Montenegro, it is not possible for me to take part in the International Conference “Transition to a New Society”, which is organized by Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts in association with WAAS, EASA and ALLEA. It was my great pleasure to accept to be the patron of this important event which gathers so many very recognised intellectuals from over 30 countries.

Dilemmas how to build the NEW SOCIETY are very present all over the world, with the same importance in small as well as in big countries, equally among individuals, as in academia communities, and political elites, and society in general. The search for answers on the challenges which contemporary world is facing is of great significance for small countries and in particular for multiethnic and multicultural communities like Montenegro is. We are very old country with very traditional society, but we have achieved considerable success on the way to European and Transatlantic integration in reasonably short period after regaining, again, independence. The model that we have chosen, which showed to be sustainable even in conditions of the last world crisis, requires more consistent and compulsory attention to education and knowledge, which, we consider, have to be the fundamentals of the NEW SOCIETY. For Montenegrin government the importance of science and advanced technologies will become ever more crucial as we move forward in the negotiation process for the membership in EU, which we hope will enable the Montenegro to join the club of developed countries. At the same time we have to be very much aware that we have to pay attention to universal ethical values and principles, such to build society based on humanism and solidarity, without which there can be no progress for society in large.

I believe that this Conference will provide good floor for better understanding between different experiences and confronted believes, and needs to build dif-

ferent societies. By expressing gratitude to Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts for setting and hosting this conference, on behalf of the Government, and on my behalf, I want to express to you cordial greetings and best wishes for successful work and pleasant stay in Montenegro.

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Patron of the Conference