



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

Thank you, Mr Chairman,

First of all, we would like to use this opportunity to thank you and the secretariat for the excellent organization of this Commission Session.

We would like to congratulate Kazakhstan and Switzerland on their election as chair and vice chair; and we would like to express our gratitude to the outgoing bureau members for their excellent work.

We are very honored to be elected as the vice chair of the UNECE Commission Session and of its Executive Committee. We are committed to engage in constructive manner in the work of the bureau and to continue the excellent work done by previous bureau in implementing A65.

As we have seen during this Commission Session there is number of challenges facing us in near and further future , and there is a lot of work to be pursued in the framework of the UNECE in order to ensure sustainable development of our region. In our opinion that one of the greatest challenges during the next two years is to define the way UNECE could engage with the private sector and the civil society. As one of the panelists highlighted – this is not a luxury, but a necessity today.

We are looking forward to work in close collaboration with the newly elected bureau and the secretariat during next two years.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.