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***Addressing World Challenges***

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**welcoming speech of President of ETEK**

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**Honourable Minister of Development of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Takis Theodorikakos**

**Honourable Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Georgios Kotsiras**

**Dear President of the Conference, Professor Antonia Moropoulou,**

**Dear Vice Rector of the National Technical University of Athens, Professor Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou**

**Dear President of the Technical Chamber of Greece, Giorgos Stasinos,**

**Esteemed experts in the field of cultural heritage,**

**Distinguished guests,**

**Dear friends and colleagues,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is a great honour for me to welcome you today, on behalf of the Scientific and Technical Chamber of Cyprus, to this important international conference.

We are very pleased to see such a strong gathering of scientists, professionals, and experts from different fields coming together to discuss the preservation of cultural heritage — a topic that is deeply connected to our identity, our built environment, and our future.

At ETEK, we strongly believe that cultural heritage — both tangible and intangible — must be protected and preserved with care and responsibility. Especially in Cyprus, where cultural layers are visible everywhere, this task is both a national obligation and a great opportunity.

Cultural heritage is understood as a vital resource for socio-economic and sustainable development, which can significantly contribute to smarter, environmentally friendly, socially aware and more inclusive societies. Its value goes beyond history — it can inspire innovation, strengthen community identity, and support economic growth.

We also believe that the preservation of heritage in the present requires the effective use of technology, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Digital tools, non-invasive documentation methods, and artificial intelligence can help us better understand, protect, and share our heritage. But just as important is the cooperation between engineers, architects, conservators, archaeologists, and policymakers. Only through a transdisciplinary approach can we build resilient and sustainable strategies.

In Cyprus, this remains a work in progress. That’s why ETEK is actively involved in promoting regulatory reforms, offering technical expertise, and supporting the development of effective public policies in this field. We aim to equip professionals with knowledge, raise public awareness, and help the State create strong scientific, legal, and technical tools to safeguard our heritage for future generations.

In that context, I am happy to be here and be part of the knowledge sharing, experiences and recommendations about sustainable cultural heritage approaches and practices. I am sure that this opportunity will offer us great ideas and new tools to achieve our goals.

I would like to warmly congratulate the organizers for this excellent initiative and wish all participants a successful and productive conference. I would also like to seize the opportunity to extend special thanks on behalf of the Chamber to Professor Moropoulou for her long-lasting contribution to the mission of the Technical Chamber of Cyprus. Let us use this opportunity to exchange ideas, share good practices, and move closer to a more sustainable future — one where cultural heritage is protected, valued, and lived.

Thank you