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Your Majesty, his Excellency Minister, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure and privilege on behalf of the International Union of Geological Sciences to congratulate the successful opening of the 33rd International Geological Congress.

In 1960, five Nordic countries successfully sponsored the 21st International Geological Congress, which played important role in the founding of our organization, the International Union of Geological Sciences.

Nearly half a century later, Nordic countries host IGC again in Oslo with the title "Earth System Science: Foundation for Sustainable Development".

Nordic countries have made great contribution in the formulation of the concept of Sustainable Development; two milestones are the Stockholm Conference and the Brundtland Report "Our Common Future".

I hope this Congress can make a big step forward in promoting the Earth sciences to serve the sustainable Development of the society.

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