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Opening Remarks of Mayor of Kotor, Mr. Vladimir Jokić, at the International Conference on the Adriatic Biodiversity Protection - AdriBioPro2022

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Kotor, 14 June 2022

Your excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am happy as the city of Kotor is hosting this important conference. Kotor city and Boka Kotorska bay, with their unique features and unparalleled natural beauty, have raptured a great number of its visitors, among which were many famous personages. Among the most widely cited praises of the natural beauty of the Bay, particularly of the two islands in front of Perast, is that of the famous English poet, Lord Byron, who said: "When the pearls of nature were sown, handfuls of them were cast on this soil". I hope you are already enjoying those pearls.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Kotor city is proud to be home to the Institute of Marine Biology. We have excellent cooperation with the Institute and currently we are jointly developing the project for the Montenegrin Blue Growth cluster – REGROW, which is intending to increase the competitiveness of Montenegrin fisheries and aquaculture sectors and develop facilities in the industrial zone of Kotor for seafood processing. I hope this Conference will provide additional input for those activities.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The old city of Kotor is a gem of the Boka Kotorska Bay and one of the best-preserved medieval urban entities in the Mediterranean. The culture-Historical Region of Kotor is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. I am inviting you to climb the walls of the Kotor fortress, visit a number of churches and palaces, and enjoy traditional Boka cuisine. I am also inviting you to download the new mobile touristic guide Blue Pass, which was produced by the EXCHANGE international project, and implemented by the international consortium in which two institutions from Kotor participate: Tourist Organization of Kotor and the Institute of Marine Biology with the Aquarium Boka. It is said: the walls of Kotor speak history, the Aquarium Boka speaks nature. The Blue Pass application brings both stories to you.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I wish you very successful work and an enjoyable stay in the Kotor.

Thank you!

