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Introduction to the II Session

Good afternoon! This is the second half of our day. This morning we had meetings with important personalities from the science world who with clarity and passion introduced the issues they have been asked to deal with. Many thanks to the Scientific Committee, and in particular to Mr. Ignazio Tobacco who, with his valuable work, has gathered this panel of speakers together.

I would like to also thank our Mitsubishi Electric friends, that is Mr. Matthew Nicholson, Global Communications Manager, and Mr. Gualtiero Seva, Photovoltaics Mitsubishi Electric Manager, who are here attending this meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank our friends of the Science Imaginary of Trieste and its Director, Mr. Fabio Carniello, for the wonderful introduction they made this afternoon through the multivision which entertained us and prepared us for the second session devoted to the representatives of the political and economic decision-makers, whose job is to produce guidelines and programmatic implementation on the basis of the issues pointed out by the scientific community.

For this reason we have invited several important guests. I am introducing them in the same order that you will find in the program: Mr. Andrea Moltrasio, vice president of Confindustria for Europe, representing the business community. Next to him, Mr. Daniel A. Weygandt, U.S. Consul in Milan, who will inform us about the possible steps that the new United States administration intends to undertake on this subject.

It is with us also Mr. Massimo Ponzoni, Member of the Regional Council for the Environment to whom we are grateful for his presence, given the short notice with which he has been called to replace the Regional President, Mr. Formigoni, who has been unable to attend for unforeseen institutional commitments. We hope to hear from him about the local initiatives undertaken by the Lombardy Region as far as the environmental protection is concerned and how these fit in the national programs of which we will have a detailed report from our last guest, Mr Roberto Menia, Undersecretary at the Ministry of the Environment and of the Land and Sea Protection.

Many thanks to all the people who attended this meeting, confirming the success of this initiative, both for the interest in the topic and for the way the Museum has introduced it.