Welcome addresses

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Netherlands' Society for Photogrammetry I bid you welcome; welcome to our guests, participants of the symposium and accompanying persons.

Our society, relatively small, compared with others, was founded in 1932 and has at present 220 members, among which about 20 private and government institutions.

Our annual activities are the organisation of lectures given by our own members or by invited speakers. But also we take part in international

The first symposium of Commission VII in 1962 was also organised by our society and we are honoured that in 1984 in Rio de Janeiro we again were given the opportunity to participate in international activities.

There are several reasons why we asked for these activities in Rio. The two most important ones are:
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- Cooperation in our countries. Universities, institutes and companies are working on remote sensing and I can proudly say on a high level. The technology grows rapidly and therefore cooperation is necessary. As chairman of the Netherlands' Society for Photogrammetry I am happy that not only the ITC, but also the Netherlands' Society of Remote Sensing contributes to this symposium. We hope this cooperation will not only be for this period of 4 years, but will go further than Kyoto 1988. but will go further than Kyoto 1988.

- A second important reason is cooperation abroad. Members of our Society take part in international projects all over the world; f.e. ESA (European Space Agency) with the Laboratory of ESTEC in Noordwijk, the astronomical satellite ANS, projects in developing countries, etc.

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and an international symposium as this one gives a good opportunity for that.

Many research activities have already been done. In all I hope this symposium in particular will give a reakthrough in practical applications. I think breakthrough in practical applications. I think there is a large demand, more demand I should say, for remote sensing data and its applications.

I think this symposium has had a good start. You have heard already that more than 450 participants are registered. A glance through the proceedings gives me the impression that there are many interesting papers and may I also draw your attention to esting papers and may I also draw your attention to the commercial and scientific exhibition with a lot of advanced material. Much of the work has already been done, thanks to many hard workers, the most important part must be done this week by the participants themselves. I hope there will be many interesting sessions and discussions, fruitful workshops and poster-sessions and above all, the opportunity to meet your old friends and make new ones.

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