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ner of this morning is one of the wonderful examples. Congratulations! Capacity building in your field of activities is urgently needed. Very, very much so. And it is a pity, and let me mention this, with those eight years experience in Africa: You can make money available in the economic cooperation, if you are investing in hardware. To make money available for the construction of a dam, a highway or a sewage water treatment plan is not very easy, but it is possible. All other hardwares are relatively easy to finance, but if you want to finance software, capacity building, training courses, good governance, reliable planning data - then you have a problem to finance these activities. We must go together and inform governments, private business and all those working in those countries: investments in this kind of software are of highest importance for the stability of these countries. We need this stability and this development for peace for us as well. This is the interrelation. I'm happy, for example, to quote Norway once more, that they invested quite some money in Tanzania, to make cadastral systems available for nine cities. Multiplying this in Tanzania is a clear signal of the importance of your activities in this field. This is the consequence: secure tenure, precondition for peace in the society, precondition for investment, especially also for direct investment. Therefore your work is the basis for development, is the centre of the peace agenda.

This goes further. I'm happy to inform you that it was possible to create this «Professional Forum for Habitat». Thank you, President Magel, and numbers of other colleagues for this initiative. Many of you invested in the very beginning in this Professional Forum – in hope, in money, in ideas, in projects. At the beginning it was a little flower, it was not yet really blossoming in those days. It is now developing quite nicely. I learned that my good friend and colleague later in Nairobi, that Anna Tibaijuka, the Executive Director of Habitat, is doing exactly the same for development in slum upgrading. We know and learn again and again: As long as we cannot come to secure tenure a slum upgrading will not be successful. You can be aware that those who have some assets to invest in their houses in slums will never do it without secure tenure, without some property rights. Because otherwise they

are increasing the risk of forced eviction if they invest in better housing without these rights. We must be aware of those interrelations. Therefore development policy needs urgently your knowledge. We need you as a premium partner. That is not window-dressing at this conference that is the urgent request for help! You should be aware that the United Nation's system altogether must have this backing in a time of huge changes.

This is the one important part of the equation, but we have to go even further. We need better land management systems with better data. I was very happy to learn in Germany: It was decided in the Parliament that government should make money available for the development of data concerning land use and interrelated activities in this field, in your domain of work. What made me this decision specifically important. The Parliament underlined: To invest in reliable data are infrastructure investments with a high return on investment – they are infrastructure investments. Your work – the data, geodata, in the broad sense: They have all the qualification of infrastructure investments. Investments in this part of infrastructure are producing important external effects on lots of other decisions. They make other decisions better, more reliable. Therefore the data you are producing and using – these data are a backbone for the development agenda around the world. They are of highest importance for those who are handling, who are shaping this change. The changes will go on. They will not go on a lower level, in a lower speed. That is not pessimistic, that is optimistic. We are more and more one planet. We should be very happy about this. We should see this as an offer for our young people. Always underlining that in the time of my father the labor market was around the church. In my time the labor market at least for the average is whole Germany, even a little bit Europe. In the time of our children the labor market will be the world. Let the young people around the world qualify themselves for this future. Make it a precondition that this integrated world is also a peaceful world, coming from the understanding of the ideas, of the ideological basis, religious believes, of the cultural identity and diversity. We need this cultural identity. I am convinced, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends and colleagues, people

will not accept globalization for the price of losing their identity. It is the contrary: The people in the globalized world need their identity otherwise they cannot handle this anonymous development in globalization. Therefore it's good to come to Bavaria with open eyes, to see that you can combine identity and diversity with a successful economic agenda. I believe we have a totally new feeling of these identities in languages, in songs, in behavior, even in the cuisine – we have a renaissance of regional identity. Globalization needs urgently identity and cultural diversity. This must be combined with the need for everybody to live up to dialogue and tolerance in an organization like FIG.

To be aware of respect, of dialogue with others is the precondition for solving problems in peace, to avoid conflicts, to avoid wars. This must be your contribution to a peaceful world, a world where there is development for each and everybody. This would be a great, an outstanding success. That's what I wish you all and I hope you really will have the chance to contribute in the way I tried a little bit to single out.

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