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MR. JOHN LATHAM.

Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Delegates.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the distinguished delegates who have been able to attend this meeting and for the considerable enthusiasm and support you have shown towards the realisation of the Africover project and in particular, the Eastern African Module.

I cannot emphasise the importance of this meeting – The First National Coordinators Meeting, as a forum for country interaction and exchange of ideas can be tabled.

The Africover project is a unique program of it's kind. Never before has such an ambitious project been attempted. It is setting new goals for standardisation and harmonization of Land Classification across Africa, referenced to a common geodetic system. In deed, I feel privileged to be part of this continental program, which in it is pioneering the efforts in many different technical fields. Your presence here backed by the fruitful interactive exchange of ideas has been a testimony to your commitments to the long-term success of the project.

The success of the Africover project is embodied in national commitment, participation and ownership. Africover is based on the countries active collaboration to achieve a standard, which is continental in aspiration. I believe we should all be proud and satisfied at being able to contribute to it. I therefore, take this opportunity to congratulate you on your commitment todate and I hope that you will aso realise that the task ahead of us is considerable.