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Esteemed ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to welcome you on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and express gratitude for the interest in this meeting, dedicated to the Presidential Program to Train Managerial Personnel for Organizations of the National Economy of the Russian Federation. Over the past nine years, it has shown itself most effectively. Under the Program, nearly 9,000 Russian managers have taken a course of training abroad. In addition, the implementation of the Program has helped tens of thousands of Russian managers raise considerably their qualification or get a new specialization directly in Russia.

For our part we want to wish the Program participants further success in their professional activity.

On behalf of the Russian MFA we express sincere gratitude to the Governments of Austria, Britain, the FRG, Denmark, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Canada, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, France, the US, Sweden, Japan and also to the European Commission for the weighty contribution to the training of Russian managerial staff, including that outside the framework of the Program. We voice separate words of gratitude to our foreign partners for the assistance in the training of civil servants.

We presume that with most of our partners in this important sphere there are good prospects for continued fruitful engagement.

The role of the above countries in personnel training is hard to overestimate, but I would like to especially single out the FRG, which has currently become the leader in the training of Russian managerial personnel. Nearly one-third of all the Program participants are training in Germany.

A few days ago, a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Russia and the Government of France in the Training of Managerial Personnel for Organizations of the

National Economy of the Russian Federation was signed. France is a traditional partner of Russia in the training of Russian managerial staff. We express hope for continued fruitful cooperation with France in this field.

A similar memorandum is being prepared with Norway.

In the course of the visit of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to Japan in November last year there was signed a new Program to Train Civil Servants and Managerial Personnel for Organizations of the National Economy of the Russian Federation. It is important that the forms of training are also being improved. Under the auspices of the autonomous nonprofit organization Japanese Center, for example, mobile seminars preceding training courses in Japan will be held as well as mobile seminars and training courses directly in the Land of the Rising Sun, including job training. We express confidence that with the signing of the new Program the constructive partnership between our countries will continue further in this field.

The European Union traditionally plays a high role in the training of Russian managerial personnel. We note successes in the implementation of the TACIS Program and Management Training Project. We express hope for the effectiveness of the New Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

Agreements have been reached with Italy, the Netherlands and Finland on cooperation in this sphere for the coming years.

A great deal of work lies ahead and there will be enough of it for all the Program participants. We hope for its successful continuation with our foreign partners.

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