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Mister Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Austrian Government  
I welcome you to the 39th ICA Conference.

Due to the fast changing schedule of our  
governmental duties I regret that I cannot  
now take part in the opening session of your  
conference.



We very much appreciate that you have chosen Austria for your conference venue this year. Enjoy your stay in Salzburg with all its wonderful attractions.

One of the most important foundations for our further development in this rapidly growing information technology landscape is goal-directed information exchange.



In similar situations I like to encourage the audience to take up all the challenges offered by such a great event.

Try to set and then reach difficult seeming targets and do not hesitate to project your personal ideas even into the far future. Even these may prove to be an important contribution for successful talks in this world of globalization.



However, when reaching your conclusions, always remember we do not own this globe – we just have borrowed it from the youth. Our following generations will be grateful when we organize its future with restraint and moderation.

May this conference meet with all your expectations.

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