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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome competitors and guests of the European Chess Team Championships in Rymanow Zdroj. I am glad that one of the most important and most prestigious chess tournaments in the world will be held in Podkarpacie. It is a great honor to have the best and strongest competitors representing the colors of European countries.

The championship is not only a challenge for the players. Thanks to the tournament, the game of chess is also popular among amateurs, especially children and adolescents. Chess develop intellectual abilities and strategic thinking, learning perseverance and patience, thus prepare for adult life. Therefore, we will strive to ensure that chess permanently gain their place in Polish schools because we believe that the skills acquired during the royal game will pay off in the future.

I wish you wonderful and inspiring games, a lot of success and an unforgettable experience. I greet all lovers of chess and cordially invite you to watch and cheer the champions.

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