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The Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

1. *Expresses* its profound gratitude to the European Union for hosting the Conference at the European Parliament in Brussels;
2. *Acknowledges* with deep appreciation the contribution made to the Conference by the European Commission and the Government of Belgium;
3. *Expresses* particular appreciation to His Majesty King Albert II for his gracious presence at the opening of the Conference;
4. *Conveys* appreciation to the European Parliament for providing the setting for the Conference and thereby instilling an atmosphere conducive to success;
5. *Thanks* the people of Belgium for the warm hospitality shown to all participants;
6. *Expresses* the hope that the commitments entered into with a view to changing the lives of the millions of people living in the least developed countries will be fully implemented.