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Annex 2

A Word of Welcome from the SG

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There are two compelling reasons for my own few words of welcome here in Zürich, and at Swiss Re.

The first reason is that it is not very often – in fact it almost never happens – that a secretary general can welcome the IUMI family not only to his own country, but to his home town. And that is what I can do now: welcome friends to Switzerland and welcome to my city, to Zurich.

Many of you are familiar with my country and quite a few know your way around Zurich.

For the ones who have made the journey from Kloten airport, or drove over mountain passes or crossed the border over the river Rhine, for the first time: a special welcome – I hope you will be back many times.

You will discover that Switzerland is much more than watches, cheese and banks. You will discover a friendly Zurich with a population eager to accommodate the foreign traveller – in fact you will have difficulties in finding a shop or a restaurant, where the staff will not automatically try to relate to you in your own language, be it English, French, Italian or even more exotic ones.

You will discover that 'the Swiss' per se does not exist since, depending on where he comes from, be it from the Southern Western or Eastern part, he will bring his Italian, French or German way of life in to Switzerland – and here in Zurich all of that is brought together in a most alluring and friendly way.

The second reason is – and that I am sure never happened before – that a secretary general can welcome the IUMI family on Sunday evening, to the company he spent most of his professional career with, in fact almost thirty sometimes funny, sometimes sad, sometimes serious years – and much of it was spent right here in the Clubhouse, at lunch with colleagues, guests or during meetings.

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends, enjoy your time in Switzerland, have fun in Zurich, and come back! Thank you.

I would now like to pass the microphone to Mr Agostino Galvagni. He is COO and Deputy CEO of SwissRe.