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“Actually, it's my second day at the Chair of the Environment Comity of the parliament assembly of the Council of Europe. I was chairing those interesting preparatory Forum for water and I am quite satisfied, because we have a lot of participants from a lot of countries, parliamentarians and experts, and we did a very good job.

Preparing the meeting in Marseille in 2012, there are a lot of things to do, continue this work, in order to prepare success for the meeting in Marseille.

Today there were a lot of participants from Africa, from Latin America, from Asia so we had the opportunity to cross and to discuss different experiences, different approaches, and different needs about the human rights to have an access to water for all the people on the planet.

I think that we did a very interesting work, the key word was that the right to access to water is a global human right. And we have to find solutions all together in order to put all those rights, not only the papers and the forum but also in the real life. We have to work more on participation of non- governmental organizations and in participation of municipalities and local authorities to do more in informing directly the citizens because the water could be a source of life, but could also be a source of conflict, of war. And we have to work to find the solutions of the first and not the second!”