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It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you on the webpage of the 4. Eurasian Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment Solutions Congress (WEEE) and the 1. Eurasian Car, Airplane, Train and Ship Recycling Congress (CATS), which are taking place in Moscow at one place on the well-known platform in Russia 20 – 22 March 2019.

Lately, Russia and the Eurasian Economic Union have created the framework conditions for, and taken specific steps towards, establishing a modern and efficient system of collecting, recycling, and reusing waste generated through production and consumption. New legislation is in place, aimed at progressively increasing the shares of most categories of waste to be properly treated, whereby the principle of extended responsibility of producers and importers is being implemented. Since working with waste can and should be a profitable business, we see new markets and logistical chains forming on the regional level, advanced technologies being applied and programs being launched in order to get both the industry and the local population involved in the process. I am convinced that all of this will make it possible to react to the challenge of continued waste accumulation and, finally, to eliminate the considerable environmental damage it has caused.

Used electrical and electronic equipment accounts for the fastest growing part of the waste stream globally, and the Eurasian region is no exception here. Rising standards of living, the computerization of ever new areas, and the ever higher rates of replacement of electronic equipment and devices by newer generations of users are all among the reasons of such runaway growth. This is why recycling and reusing electronic waste is an urgent necessity and the Congress a very timely initiative.

I am pleased to realize that Switzerland and our companies dealing with managing waste, including electronics, are among the most active stakeholders in this sector in Russia and are very well represented at this Congress. On the other hand, I cannot say I am too surprised. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Switzerland has always been – and has remained – the pioneering country in this area, which is so important for our ecological well-being. Thanks to this, we have quite a lot to offer you and we are looking forward to cooperating with you in this area.

Finally, let me wish you an inspiring congress and a lot of successful outcomes!

Yves Rossier,
Ambassador of Switzerland to the Russian Federation