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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I will take this to share with you the recent Portuguese reform in the area of Science.

Besides the deep reform that we have already successfully undertaken on higher Education financing scheme, we have just launched a action plan to achieve the goals of the Lisbon Strategy → to have a competitive knowledge based society we have start a major program until 2006 to bring Science to all Sector of the Portuguese Society from businesses sector to Public Administration to the Heath Sector and Society in general.

There is a major emphasis in promoting Innovation as response to the challenge of sustainable economic growth, better social well being and competitiveness.

The care of the programme is the human resources and the creation of scientific employment.

We will finance scholarships for the integration of PhDs and young scientists in the different sectors from industry enterprises to hospital, public administration.

We will have in total 12 000 scholarships for 3 years.

Another important measure is concern in bringing science to schools at a very early stages of education, mainly related with Physics and Mathematics in order to attract future generations to technologies based careers.

In order to promote technology transfer we have launched “The Regions of Knowledge” involving Universities enterprises, local administration, financial institutions, and we have already successful examples – in order to achieve the 3% of GDP investment in Research and Development with 2% coming from the private sectors we have create a framework to promote

the enabling environment for the private investment in R&D with fiscal incentives and philanthropy.

This constitutes a major effort and a strong politic commitment from the Portuguese government as, while fulfilling the Stability Pact is, at the same time, investing strongly in Science and in the qualification of the Portuguese.

This mean investing in the future of our young generation.

Thank you