

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 16 April 2024

Dear Minister,

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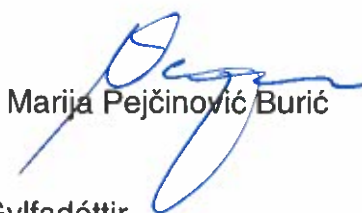
I am writing to extend my warm congratulations on your re-appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland.

As I have shared with you in the past, the Council of Europe greatly cherishes Iceland's remarkable role in organising and hosting the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government in Reykjavík in the framework of the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. Your personal commitment as Minister for Foreign Affairs was undoubtedly crucial in making the Summit a resounding multilateral success at a challenging time.

Delivering on our support to a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, as well as addressing democratic backsliding and new challenges whilst we remain firmly united around our shared European values, has never been more important. With your return at the helm of the Icelandic diplomacy, I am confident that the exemplary co-operation between Iceland and the Council of Europe will pave the way for new joint steps to strengthen respect for human rights, rule of law and democracy on our continent.

I wish you every success in your important mandate and look forward to the opportunity of seeing you again soon.

Yours sincerely,



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