

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 19 March 2018

Dear ~~President,~~ *Dear President Putin,*

Congratulations on your re-election on 18 March 2018 as President of the Russian Federation. At the Council of Europe, we hope that your new mandate will be a period of peace and prosperity for the Russian people.

Russia is an important member state of our Organisation. I hope that in the coming years of your presidency your country will actively participate in all Council of Europe activities, upholding our common standards of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law to the benefit of people in Russia.

In this particularly challenging period for Europe, it is our common duty to work together in order to consolidate and strengthen our common European legal and human rights space from Lisbon to Vladivostok.

Yours sincerely,



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