

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 27 October 2023

Dear Minister,

I am writing to extend my warmest congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway.

The Council of Europe deeply values Norway's longstanding commitment to our work in upholding our shared values of human rights, rule of law and democracy since your country joined the Organisation as a founding member.

As the Organisation approaches its 75th anniversary in very challenging times, the Fourth Summit in Reykjavik has not only fostered a renewed sense of unity, but also set before us an ambitious course of action. Norway's steadfast support will remain crucial to our multilateral efforts across many fields, from contributing to a just and lasting peace in Ukraine and countering democratic backsliding, to responding to the fast-paced developments in climate change and artificial intelligence.

I am confident that during your mandate, co-operation between the Council of Europe and Norway will only grow closer, not least because of your first-hand role as a former member of the Parliamentary Assembly. I wish you every success in your important duties and look forward to us working together in addressing common challenges.

Yours sincerely,



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