

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 22 April 2024

Dear Minister,

I am writing to extend my most sincere congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia.

As the first member state assuming the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers after the Fourth Summit of the Council of Europe last year, Latvia successfully led the way in shaping our action on the ambitious agenda set out by the Heads of State and Government in Reykjavík, at a critical juncture for our Organisation and Europe.

The Presidency's initiatives were a clear reflection of Latvia's firm commitment to our common values around which we must unite in the face of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, democratic backsliding in our member states and new fast-evolving challenges.

As you assume your important mandate, I am confident that your longstanding experience in diplomacy and multilateralism will further benefit our co-operation on strengthening the Council of Europe's role and making a lasting impact on the democratic security of all our member states, founded on respect for human rights and rule of law.

I wish you every success in your new duties and look forward to the opportunity of meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,


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