

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, after an election that gave a new composition to the Parliament of your country.

Your time in office starts at a particularly significant moment for Europe and its unity when leadership and multilateral co-operation are truly needed to ensure the protection of our commonly shared values and freedoms.

In the year when we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe and cherish the vision of Sir Winston Churchill and all the founding fathers of the European architecture, we recall in particular the role of the United Kingdom in defining and advocating for our common aspirations and its key role in the drafting of our European Convention on Human Rights. The prominent role your country played in effectively reforming the European Court of Human Rights during its Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in 2012 successfully contributed to the effectiveness of the Convention system.

I remain convinced that under your leadership, the United Kingdom's resolute commitment to human rights, democracy and the rule of law will be strengthened further, for the benefit of our Organisation and Europe as a whole.

I look forward to attending the European Political Community Summit to be held in the United Kingdom later this month and to meeting you there.

I wish you every success in your new duties.

Yours sincerely,



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