

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 26 October 2023

Dear Minister,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. I wish you every success in your new functions.

In June this year, we had the pleasure to celebrate 30 years since your country joined our Organisation. It has been an active and appreciated member ever since, as exemplified during its successful November 2007 – May 2008 Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, which sent a powerful message of respect and upholding of the Council of Europe's core values, together with the promotion of a citizen's Europe. While you assume office at a time of unprecedented challenges for our continent, I remain confident that the Slovak Republic and the Council of Europe will remain united around our common European values and standards of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

I look forward to our continued very good co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Marija Pejčinović Burić

Mr Juraj Blanár
Minister for Foreign and European Affairs
of the Slovak Republic