

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 3 July 2024

Dear Minister,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. I sincerely wish you every success in your new role, which comes at a time of enormous challenges for our continent.

As a founding member of the Council of Europe in 1949, the Netherlands has always played a prominent role in our Organisation. The Netherlands has been central to our history, from the 1948 Hague Conference which led to the founding of the Council of Europe, up until last year's establishment of the Council of Europe's Register of Damage for Ukraine, hosted by the Netherlands, in the Hague. We look forward to continuing close co-operation to promote the Council of Europe's key principles of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,



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