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Dear Minister Ligi,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your participation in the Eastern Border Regions High-Level Conference on 25 and 26 June 2025 in Bialowieza, Poland. It was a pleasure meeting you there and exchanging in person on the multiple challenges which the EU's Eastern border regions and countries are facing.

I listened very carefully to your valuable and constructive contributions to the debate on socio-economic and security challenges by EU's Eastern border regions and the possible solutions which you have proposed. I very much retain your suggestions for the development of the Pact for the Eastern Border Regions which I proposed during the conference.

I am convinced that we can achieve our common goals for the EU's Eastern border regions only if we continue our excellent collaboration. In this vein, I am already looking forward to your substantial support and contribution to making the Pact for the Eastern Border Regions a success for your regions and for Europe.

Yours sincerely,

Raffaele FITTO

Jürgen Ligi Minister of Finance

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