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Estonia and North Rhine-Westphalia Cooperation

Dear Minister

I trust you are having a wonderful spring.

I was sorry to learn that your April visit to Estonia had to be postponed. We had greatly looked forward to the opportunity to advance our cooperation at a strategic level.

Estonia attaches particular importance to its partnership with North Rhine-Westphalia. In the current environment, strengthening industrial resilience through cybersecurity and digitalisation is both- an economic and strategic priority. Estonia is home to leading cyber resilience actors such as CR14 and Nortal, whose experience in securing critical systems and driving digital transformation can strongly support our shared ambitions. Both organisations have also contributed cyber range solutions to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence demonstrating their credentials in supporting advanced cyber resilience capabilities.

I would welcome the opportunity to visit North Rhine-Westphalia in the coming months, together with a delegation of Estonian business leaders, with a view to agreeing on concrete joint initiatives.

To maintain momentum, I would encourage your team to engage with CR14 and Nortal. Nortal's presence in Germany, including in North Rhine-Westphalia, offers immediate platform for cooperation, while CR14 brings specialised expertise in strengthening cyber resilience across critical sectors. Both organisations stand ready to meet your team in North Rhine-Westphalia to develop concrete proposals focused on enhancing the resilience and security of industrial systems.

For your consideration, I have also attached a short paper prepared by Nortal and CR14 outlining practical ideas for cyber resilience exercises and sector-specific cooperation. I hope it may provide useful food for thought and serve as a basis for our further discussions.

I am looking forward to moving towards piloting concrete deliverables and help ensuring our next high-level engagement produces substantive and visible results.

Yours sincerely,



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