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Dear Ms. Mari-Leena Talvitie,

On the occasion of your inauguration as the Minister of Science and Culture, I would like to extend you my warm congratulations as well as my best wishes. I am confident that we will continue working with you in order to strengthen even further the excellent bilateral relations between our countries, as well as continue standing together in times of global challenges.

Finnish cultural field is inspiring in so many ways, and Estonia feels happy and privileged for these special, long-term, tight ties between the creatives of our countries. One of the current examples is the flourishing cooperation in light of the European Capitals of Culture. Last year, Tartu together with the South of Estonia – where I grew up – held the title. Next year, all the eyes in Europe will be on Oulu – on your home region. I wish to congratulate Oulu on the impressive programme of the Capital of Culture!

I hope the nearest future brings us an opportunity to meet in person and discuss important topics in Finnish and Estonian cultural cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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