

H.E.
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Save the Date: High-Level Conference of European Ministers responsible for Family Affairs – Vienna, 13 June 2024; reception and visit to Vienna International Centre, 12 June 2024; special tour Spanish Riding School, 13 June 2024

Excellency,

the year 1994 was proclaimed the International Year of the Family by the United Nations General Assembly. The thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30) offers an opportunity to refocus on the role of families and share good practices in family policy making.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family, it is my honour to invite you to a **High-Level Conference of European Ministers responsible for Family Affairs**, which will take place in **Vienna on 13 June 2024** (from 9 am to 2 pm (CET)).

The Meeting on the topic „**Importance of families in society**” will provide the opportunity to discuss the central role that families hold within EU Member States. European Ministers responsible for Family Affairs are invited to share good practices in family policy.

Please note that the High-Level Conference is scheduled to commence on **12 June 2024 with an evening reception at 7 pm (CET) at the Austrian Federal Chancellery**.

As Vienna is one of the four headquarters of the United Nations, a **visit to the Vienna International Centre** will be offered on **12 June 2024, at 3 pm (CET)**. The cultural programme will also include a **special tour to the Spanish Riding School following the conference on 13 June 2024**.

A separate invitation, with further information about the programme and registration, will follow in due course.

I would be delighted if you could save this date and I very much look forward to welcoming you in person in June 2024.

Yours sincerely,
Susanne Raab