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Dear Colleague,

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine. I wish you much success in governing this versatile field in the current turbulent time for your country.

Cultural cooperation between Estonia and Ukraine has always been very active, and Russia's war of aggression has brought our two countries even closer to each other. We know very well that culture is especially important in difficult periods of history, helping preserve the national identity and maintain resilience.

The Estonian government has decided to contribute to helping Ukraine as long as necessary, and our ministry is also working in several directions to support Ukraine: we support Ukrainian cultural and reconstruction projects through a special fund, we contribute to protection of the Ukrainian cultural heritage, we help the Ukrainian refugees to integrate and preserve their cultural identity. We promote cultural exchange between our two countries and offer opportunities for Ukrainian artists to continue their creative activities in wartime conditions.

As you might know, I was planning to visit Ukraine in June this year, but due to unforeseen circumstances, this had to be postponed. I sincerely hope to make this visit happen soon. This would provide an excellent opportunity to get to know each other, sign the long-prepared culture cooperation programme between our countries and discuss new cooperation possibilities for the future.

Once again, wishing you all the best in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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