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Dear Minister,

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Eureka Network, it is with great pleasure that I offer you the commemorative book celebrating four decades of achievements, reflections, and aspirations of this remarkable initiative. As the Head of Switzerland's Chairmanship of Eureka for 2025-26, I am honoured to accompany this milestone and to reaffirm Switzerland's deep commitment to fostering international collaboration in research and innovation.

Since its foundation in 1985, Eureka has embodied the principles of trust, cooperation, and shared progress, bringing together now over 45 member countries from Europe and beyond. In an era marked by shifting political and economic landscapes, rapid technological transformations, and pressing global challenges, the value of such a network has only grown. Eureka continues to serve as a pivotal platform, enabling businesses, academia, and governments to collaboratively develop solutions that strengthen competitiveness, create jobs, and address societal needs.

As we reflect on the success that has mobilised more than 40 billion euros in public-private investment and supported over 7,000 cross-border projects, it is also a moment to look ahead of us. The coming years will require close cooperation, as research and innovation serve as key drivers for addressing challenges such as climate change, sustainable development, technological sovereignty and security.

This book stands not only as a testimony to Eureka's enduring impact but also as an invitation to continue supporting this unique network and to leverage its potential to build bridges and unlock markets across borders. As Minister entrusted with the advancement of innovation and international collaboration, I encourage you to embrace this shared opportunity, ensuring that together we strengthen the foundation for the next decade of innovation and discovery.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your commitment and enthusiasm in supporting Eureka's vision. The Swiss Chairmanship will further strive to build on the network's success by making funding more accessible, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring that Eureka continues to deliver value for beneficiaries around the world. Let us navigate these times with a shared spirit of collaboration and carry forward this remarkable legacy of innovation.

Dear Minister, may I assure you of my highest consideration.

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