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Excellency,

I have the honour to extend you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Estonia. I wish you every success in your mandate.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and your Ministry have enjoyed a close and productive partnership for over 20 years, particularly in assisting migrants who can no longer remain in Estonia to return voluntarily, and in supporting the Government's efforts to assist the large number of refugees from Ukraine currently hosted in the country. IOM has also recently contributed to crisis management and contingency planning as part of the preparation of Estonia's National Implementation Plan for the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum.

We look forward to continuing and expanding this collaboration, and stand ready to support Estonia's migration priorities. These include implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum; leveraging labour mobility to address labour shortages in high-skilled sectors; developing evidence-based migration policy; strengthening research and training capacities in the field of migration.

I look forward to meeting you in person at a suitable opportunity. Meanwhile, I hope it is possible to arrange a courtesy meeting in Tallinn with my representative in Estonia, Mr Kari Käsper, to discuss our cooperation in more detail.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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