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Minister of Culture of the Republic of Estonia

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Dear Minister,

In a few days, when the XIXth Government of the Republic of Lithuania loses its powers, I will hand over my duties to my successor.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for our constructive cooperation during my term of office. It has been a great honour to work with you, discussing our common challenges and creating new opportunities in the field of culture. I will fondly remember our contacts.

During my term in office, together with our international partners, we paid a lot of attention to the media and information tools, strengthening the fight against disinformation and increasing public resilience to the effects of hostile propaganda. By joining forces, we can create a safer and more informed society.

We paid a lot of attention to the protection of cultural heritage, especially in crisis situations.

Together, we developed strategies to ensure that, in the event of armed conflict or mobilization, the cultural sector could continue to function and protect the unique heritage of its country and, at the same time, of Europe.

We have worked continuously on our shared European remembrance, which is particularly important for our identity and the future of Europe. Joint cultural projects and initiatives have enabled us to better understand and make sense of the complex lessons of the past and to prepare for possible future challenges.

Support for Ukraine is an expression of our strong solidarity and moral duty.

I believe that these initiatives will become a solid foundation for future work, and our shared determination to implement them will continue to strengthen the cultural ties between our countries.

As I continue my work in the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, I will aim to carry out work that is important to all of us and that strengthens Lithuania and Europe.

Wishing you every success in your important work,

Mr. Šarūnas Birutis
Acting Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania