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Dear Minister Michal,

It is my pleasure to write to you following the endorsement of the Mineral Security Partnership Forum on 3 March in Toronto. Securing a reliable and sustainable supply of critical raw materials is a condition for the global transition towards a low-carbon and digital economy. Successful international cooperation among nations is essential to address this global challenge, and the MSP Forum will be instrumental to put in place that cooperation.

I am pleased to invite you to the inaugural event of the MSP Forum, scheduled for 5 April 2024 in Leuven (Belgium) from 10:45 to 11:45 am (CET). I would like to ask you to join the event via the online link that will be provided. Following brief opening remarks by the co-chairs US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and myself, ministers from prospective MSP Forum members who so wish will be invited to share views on their stake on a successful and balanced international cooperation on a resilient, sustainable supply of critical minerals.

I would highly appreciate that a confirmation is sent to the following functional mailbox by 27 March, with an indication of the e-mail address to which the online link for the launch event can be sent:

TRADE-E3-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu

Upon your confirmation, you will receive a practical information note with instructions on how to join.

H.E. Mr. Kristen Michal, Minister for Climate, Estonia The contact points in the European Commission Directorate-General for Trade, Mr Peter Kovacs, Head of Unit, and Mr Javier Arregui, are available to answer queries concerning the event at the same functional mailbox.

I look forward to your participation in the MSP Forum initial formal event.

Yours sincerely,

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