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Dear Konstantin,

It was a pleasure to welcome you to the 54th edition of the Munich Security Conference!

This year's conference was heavily characterised by the fault lines of international politics. Grave policy differences were palpable all throughout the weekend, but I remain convinced that the discussions in Munich on and off stage were important and relevant. They did, however, show how close we are to the brink of significant international conflict and how much more needs to be done to move away from it. The MSC will continue to do its bit to build trust, foster reliable networks and anchor important topics on the international agenda, and I hope that we will continue to be able to count on your support.

I want to thank you in particular for your active participation in our panel discussion on 'In or Out? Countries In-Between Russia and Europe'. I very much hope that you found the conference useful and productive, and I look forward to continuing our dialogue on international security.

Finally, let me also take this opportunity to draw your attention to the ONS Summit as part of the MSC Energy Security Series in Stavanger on August 26 & 27, 2018 and express my hope that you will be able to join us on this occasion as well. Please find your personal invitation attached to this letter.

Warm regards,

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