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Distinguished Forum Participant!

Dear Robert!

First of all, I would like to show you my gratitude for your participation at the 11th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum. On July 2nd, around 150 distinguished guests came to Berlin, Germany, to discuss the state of international order and global security.

Since Robert Pittenger did found the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum in 2014, the exchange of reliable ideas about questions of order and security appears to be growing. Our existing mechanisms for maintaining security are facing a huge extension of conflict and violence. The Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum does not only include the most urgent security challenges in its programs, but also draws attention to issues that might not yet be on the top of the security community's agenda. The Forum embraces a comprehensive definition of security, which encompasses not only traditional national or military security, but also takes into account – among others – the economic, cyber, environmental and human dimensions of security.

As mentioned by our Deputy Speaker of Parliament on July 2nd, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum “has become a major global forum for the discussion of security policy.” This is a big claim and therefore we would like to invite again all the participants and interested Members of Parliament to join us on December 6th in Washington to a marketplace of ideas, one that is reflecting a globalized world.

The participants at the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum have impressive job titles and come from, the United States, Europe and South America. We will debate in Washington in carefully calibrated and tightly scheduled panel discussions questions about cyber security, terrorism financing, predatory, civil liberties and intelligence collaboration. This is where participants pose the key questions on very significant issues. What is more, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum will discuss new challenges like data and technology policy or well-known blind spots such as the conflicts in Africa in the substantial and innovative manner that would befit their strategic significance.



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Above all, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum is a place where a lot of decision-makers come together. This allows for the efficient delivery of strategic messages and proposals. It proposes a considerable number of confidential side-meetings and negotiations which could never take place outside the Forum setting.

We believe in the need for an informed and sustained public debate on security policy broadly defined and thus aims to involve the wider public in its debates. We are very grateful to Congressman Robert Pittenger who is the spiritual father of the Forum and who has the vision to continue its leadership in the future. I'm grateful to him, because I know that the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum has transatlantic and European roots and our activities reflect a globalized world. The Forum strives to increase its geographic diversity and reach to include all relevant stakeholders. It aims at debating the world's most relevant security challenges.

I kindly invite you and hope to see you all on December 6th in Washington!

With warmest regards and consideration!

Chairman of the Steering Committee
of the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum