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*Dear Mrs. Teleanu,*

*Dear Dr. Caf,*

*I would like to thank you for having shared with me the High-Level Session Messages of SEEDIG 2018 that I have read with great interest.*

*I truly believe that SEEDIG, as one of the most successful regional forums on Internet Governance, is a remarkable place where we can explore the opportunities for the countries of the region to benefit from digital technologies. The South Eastern European region as a whole is taking important steps towards digitalization, thanks to its vibrant and creative community of innovators. The citizens of the South Eastern European countries deserve to be an active part of the digital transformation, which provides an opportunity to leapfrog to a modern digital society.*

*On broadband deployment, on digital skills and on digital policies in general, a closer cooperation among countries in the region will be highly beneficial. Digital policies are more effective when there are strong links and cooperation across different regional and national initiatives.*

*Policy-makers, private sector, NGOs, tech industry, startups and citizens, all have a role to play in the digitization of society and must engage in a constructive dialogue. SEEDIG is an ideal platform for this dialogue to take place and I can assure you of my continued support.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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