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Dear Minister,

I am pleased to invite you to the 14th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions, which will be held from 27 to 29 June 2023 in Tianjin, People's Republic of China, under the theme Entrepreneurship: The Driving Force of the Global Economy, with the support of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

The meeting will convene over 1,500 global leaders from business, government, civil society, international organizations and academia at a pivotal time for the global economic recovery. It will focus on key transformations such as accelerating the energy transition, making progress on climate and sustainability, deploying innovation across economies and industries, and post-pandemic consumer behaviour.

Over the next two years, Asia is expected to experience faster economic growth than other parts of the world, re-emerging as an important engine for the global economy. In this context, the meeting will also provide a timely opportunity for in-person dialogues and updates on the China economic outlook and that of Asia as a whole.

The Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2023 will provide an excellent platform for deliberations on the need to deepen public-private cooperation in the deployment and governance of advanced technologies. In this context, I am confident that meeting participants will highly appreciate learning about your vision for Slovenia's strong digital transformation agenda.

The Forum will work closely with your office to ensure that your participation is of the greatest value to you and Slovenia. I look forward to welcoming you to Tianjin.

Yours sincerely,