



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

The Secretary General

Vienna, 27 June 2013

Dear Ambassador,

I would like to express to you my sincerest thanks for your invaluable contribution as a panellist in the opening session, *The OSCE in the 21st Century: Regional Security Organization and Community of Values*, during the OSCE Security Days 2013.

The conference was a tremendous success and we had a record number of participants. Sixty countries were represented at the event and 58,835 people were reached through social media and web streaming. Active participation by high-level panellists was a major reason for this extraordinary attendance and widespread interest.

The conference also re-emphasized the core strengths of the OSCE. Most importantly, it underscored the OSCE's positive role in both enhancing inclusive dialogue and gathering together major figures, such as yourself, to explore innovative and comprehensive approaches to security.

It was truly a pleasure and a privilege to host you as one of the panellists, and once again I would like to express my gratitude for your participation. I look forward to continuing our excellent and co-operative relationship in the future.

Yours sincerely, *with best regards,*

Lamberto Zannier

H.E. Igor Ivanov

cc: Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE