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Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Hello from Bucharest Romania and best wishes for success to this important International event, for which our dearest host has done a tremendous, elaborate and productive hard work. Congratulations!

I am very honored and pleased that the Romanian Institute for Europe Asia Studies – IRSEA is one of the co-organizers.

I am confident that the present event will lead not only to a better understanding of the global community by exchanging ideas in an environment of mutual respect, but, similarly, it represents a step forward in strengthening the robust cooperation between Europe and Asia, which, in fact, is the very reason for which, in 2008, after my retirement from the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I have created IRSEA.

Our institute is an independent, autonomous, not-for-profit think-tank working for a more robust interaction and raising awareness on major developments between Europe and Asia, focusing initially on the South and South-East Asian dynamics in international affairs, which is the region of my prime specialty and where I have served as Head of the Mission and Ambassador for more than 30 years. The Institute is currently expanding its scope to address Foreign Affairs and Area Studies in East Asia.

With an outstanding record of “Second Track Diplomacy” activities, having partnerships with numerous universities and think-tanks in Europe, South and South-East Asia, IRSEA is the oldest Asian-focused think-tank in Romania and part of the prestigious European Alliance for Asian Studies.

I avail myself of this opportunity to invite the partners of the event to contact us in order to establish institutional

relations of cooperation. On our part, we will do it as well with great pleasure.

Thank you!

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