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Subject: 17th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: "Human Rights and Children"

Dear Ms Kaneva, *dear Ophelia,*

On behalf of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the partners of the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, I am pleased to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous hospitality and tremendous support for the 17th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights on 7-8 November 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria. We highly appreciate your strong backing which greatly contributed to the accomplishments of the 17th edition of the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights.

It was an honour that the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Mr. Biser Petkov, graced the Seminar with an opening speech. His presence was inspirational in galvanising the participants and the co-organisers, alike.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' and the State Agency for Child Protection's cooperation and collaboration with ASEF's Political and Economic Department team throughout the various stages of the preparations of the seminar during the past few months and weeks – from planning, to liaison, and coordination, were key elements in making the Seminar successful.

We are ever grateful for your personal dedication and attention and the professionalism you and your team displayed. Memories of the excellent location of the Welcome Reception dinner at the National Archaeological Museum, and the Seminar dinner, as well as the hosting of the Steering Committee Meeting's lunch will remain with us.

It has been a pleasure for us to partner with you. We look forward to continuing our cooperation, and will keep you informed of the follow-up activities linked to the 17th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I would like to thank you again for being an outstanding host and for having welcomed the 17th Seminar on Human Rights and Children to Sofia, Bulgaria.

Sincerely yours,

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Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE

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