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Dear Ms. Torreggiani,

It is my great pleasure to cordially invite you to the European-wide conference on **“Raw Materials Security of Europe”** to be held under the Czech EU Presidency, with a focus on proposing concrete steps to strengthen the EU's raw materials security.

The conference will be attended not only by senior representatives of the Member States with responsibility for the raw materials, minerals and mining industry but also by senior representatives of the EU's neighbouring countries (Norway, UK, Island, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine) whose mineral and raw materials potential offers a chance for a real strengthening of the EU's raw materials security. An invitation letter was sent to your responsible ministry.

High representatives of the European Commission Vice-president of the EC Mr. Maroš Šefčovič and Commissioner for Internal Market Mr. Thierry Breton confirmed their participation at the conference. On the Czech side the CEOs of the two upcoming projects for the exploitation of critical raw materials, i.e. the extraction of pure manganese in Chvaletice and the extraction of lithium in Cínovec, will also participate to present their projects.

The conference will take place on **12th September 2022 in Prague**. On 13th September 2022, the conference will be followed by an optional accompanying program, which will be designed in accordance with the interests of individual participants, and will also include an excursion to one of the three top raw material producer's plants, where minerals are mined and processed in a sustainable and innovative way.

I would like to kindly ask you to give 10 minutes presentation at our conference focused on **“Ensuring public acceptance – The role of education and best practice”**.

I have entrusted the organisation of the conference to Mr Vladimír Bomberovič, Senior Expert, the State Mineral Policy Department, mail: bomberovic@mpo.cz, co: kavina@mpo.cz.

Enclosed please find the draft programme of the conference.

Yours sincerely,

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