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Dear Minister,

We congratulate Georgia on its successful first Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which symbolically coincided with the 20th anniversary of Georgia's accession to the Organisation. It was rather challenging as a significant part of the Chairmanship took place during the uncertain situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and while Georgian territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia continued to be occupied by another Member State of the Council of Europe.

Despite the unprecedented circumstances caused by the pandemic, Georgian Chairmanship remained focused on delivering on its four main priorities and promoting core values of the Organization at the same time.

We commend Georgia for finding innovative solutions in order to continue the work of the Council and the Committee of Ministers, as well as for its creative approach in organizing events in a manner that allowed full participation from a distance.

Numerous events that took place before the introduction of the lockdown measures were well organised, informative and very useful.

We appreciate the preparation by the Georgian Chairmanship of a Joint Declaration on human rights and the environment by the outgoing and incoming Presidencies of the Committee of Ministers, which is in line with the goals of the Chairmanship.

The Baltic States have supported and will always continue to support sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders.

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