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Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment as Australia's Finance Minister. I am pleased to invite you to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2021, which will take place in Lucerne-Bürgenstock, Switzerland, starting on Tuesday evening 18 May and ending in the evening on Friday 21 May 2021.

This Annual Meeting will be the first opportunity for leaders from government and business to come together again and design a common recovery path and rebuild a more resilient, cohesive and sustainable society. Underpinning it will be the process of the Great Reset, an unprecedented mobilization of actionable ideas from the Forum's action groups, platforms and other initiatives to shape the post-COVID-19 world.

The Forum will limit participation in the event to ensure its community spirit. Participants in Lucerne-Bürgenstock will connect with a network of 400 hubs around the world, providing the opportunity for dialogue with the Forum's Global Shapers and ensuring openness and inclusion. The Annual Meeting will only take place if the Forum can guarantee the health and safety of participants and the host community.

As the world struggles to develop a collective response to the largest recession since the Great Depression, the community of leaders gathering in Lucerne-Bürgenstock would value your perspectives on how Australia is building resilience into its economy through innovation, manufacturing and its spirited trade diplomacy.

The Forum will be in contact with your office to ensure that your participation in the Annual Meeting 2021 is productive.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Minister,

Following up on my earlier invitation, I would like to update you on the World Economic Forum Special Annual Meeting 2021, which will now take place in Singapore from 25 to 28 May 2021.

This will be the first global leadership summit in 2021 where leaders from government and business come together again in an atmosphere of trust to design a common recovery path and rebuild a more resilient, cohesive and sustainable society.

As you know, Singapore has been successful in dealing with the pandemic and can be considered a safe destination. The Forum is working closely with the Government of Singapore to make the Special Annual Meeting 2021 interactive and impactful, and at the same time safe and healthy.

As the world works to develop a collective response to the largest recession since the Great Depression, Australia's commitment to openness, cooperation and multilateralism will be more essential than ever at the Special Annual Meeting in May.

The Forum will contact your office to ensure that this engagement is of maximum value for you and the Government of Australia. I truly look forward to welcoming you personally in Singapore and wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

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25 February 2021
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Dear Minister,

Following up on my earlier invitation, I would like to update you on the World Economic Forum Special Annual Meeting 2021, which will now take place in Singapore from 17 to 20 August 2021.

This will be the first global leadership summit to address the challenges of recovering from the pandemic and laying the basis for a more inclusive and sustainable world. It will once again bring leaders face-to-face to focus on shaping solutions to the most pressing challenges of our times.

The Forum is working closely with the Government of Singapore to ensure the necessary health, safety and protocol measures are in place at the Special Annual Meeting 2021. While local transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore remains at negligible levels, moving the meeting to August – a period when there is expected to be a significant reduction in coronavirus cases globally – will enable participants to avoid challenges related to international travel.

As the world works to rebuild trust and chart a new way forward for a sustained global economic recovery, Australia's commitment to openness, cooperation and multilateralism will be an essential contribution to the deliberations at the Special Annual Meeting in August.

In this context, the Forum will contact your office to ensure that this engagement is also of maximum value to you and Australia.

I very much look forward to welcoming you personally in Singapore.

Yours sincerely,

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30 August 2021
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Dear Minister,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2022, which will take place in Davos-Klosters from 17 to 21 January.

It is essential for the world's foremost political, business and civil society leaders to come together once again in order to restore trust in the international community's ability to shape the future in collaborative ways.

In view of your leadership in Australia's robust economic response to the pandemic, your contributions to the deliberations in January on challenges such as global vaccine equity, economic reopening, and the need for urgent collective action on financing the energy transition would be deeply valued.

The Forum will work closely with your office to ensure that your participation is of the greatest relevance for you and Australia.

I look forward to welcoming you personally in Davos.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister,

I had hoped until this moment that with the stringent health measures, it would finally be possible to come back together again in January to address the manifold challenges the world is confronting. The World Economic Forum has received overwhelming support and interest from government and business leaders globally to participate in the Annual Meeting in Davos, recognizing the critical need to meet face-to-face to rebuild trust after two tumultuous years.

Yet, the uncertainty of Omicron and the attendant public health implications unfortunately make this impossible. Therefore, the Forum needs to postpone its in-person meeting. The health and safety of participants and the community is the most important priority. As soon as conditions allow, discussions will take place to find a new date for the Annual Meeting.

During the Annual Meeting week, 17 to 21 January 2022, the Forum will hold a series of virtual State of the World sessions. There will also be numerous virtual sessions related to public-private cooperation platforms in order not to lose momentum on the important ongoing work.

The Forum's mission, as the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation, is at the core of everything the Forum does. The focus will continue on the manifold impact-oriented initiatives.

I am grateful for your engagement and that of your government and look forward to the opportunity when it will be possible to gather in person again, hopefully next summer. I hope that the new year will bring renewed optimism for a healthier, happier, and safer world.

Yours sincerely,

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