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Dear Mr. Van Tongeren,

I want to thank you for your kind offer of future co-operation with your institution and for the most interesting information and insights you gave to our colleagues during your visit at *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung* on October 2. My colleagues have analysed your very rich information material. We all regard your activities and your project of a common platform for effective action in conflict prevention as being of great importance.

We would therefore like to support your initiatives within the framework of our socio-political co-operation projects with partners all over the world, in Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa. We would be sincerely interested in supporting your activities in this subject and hope we can co-operate on common questions in the field of crisis and conflict prevention projects. It would also be helpful for our own activities and long-term objectives if we could participate in your open network – the European Platform for Conflict Prevention and Transformation.

I honestly hope that our colleagues and partners can continually extend their participation in the international conflict prevention work and contribute to the success of this challenging project.

Yours sincerely

  
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