Dear Commissioner,

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 organization 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,