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Dear President,

It is with great pleasure that I'm writing to invite you to speak at Friends of Europe's forthcoming high-level conference "The new geopolitics of energy: winners and losers". It will be held on Thursday, 2 July 2015 in Brussels.

The event will discuss the changing world energy landscape and market balances in the context of the Middle East turmoil, the Ukraine conflict and the emergence of North America as a major energy producer. It will focus on the implications of these trends on the global energy mix, energy diplomacy, security of supply and energy prices and will evaluate who are the winners and losers.

Invited speakers include Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General; Fatih Birol, IEA Chief Economist; Jean Asselborn, Luxembourg Minister for Foreign Affairs; Jerzy Buzek MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy; Amos J. Hochstein, US Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs; Abdalla Salem El-Badri, OPEC Secretary General; Eldar Sætre, CEO of Statoil; and Gérard Mestrallet, CEO of ENGIE.

The few hundred participants will include EU and national policymakers, senior officials from international organisations, business representatives, NGO leaders, experts from the academic world and members of the international press from Brussels and throughout Europe.

I believe your participation would bring a valuable contribution to the discussion and I very much hope that you will be able to make it. I enclose the programme of the conference and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Nathalie Furrer  
Director  
Friends of Europe

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