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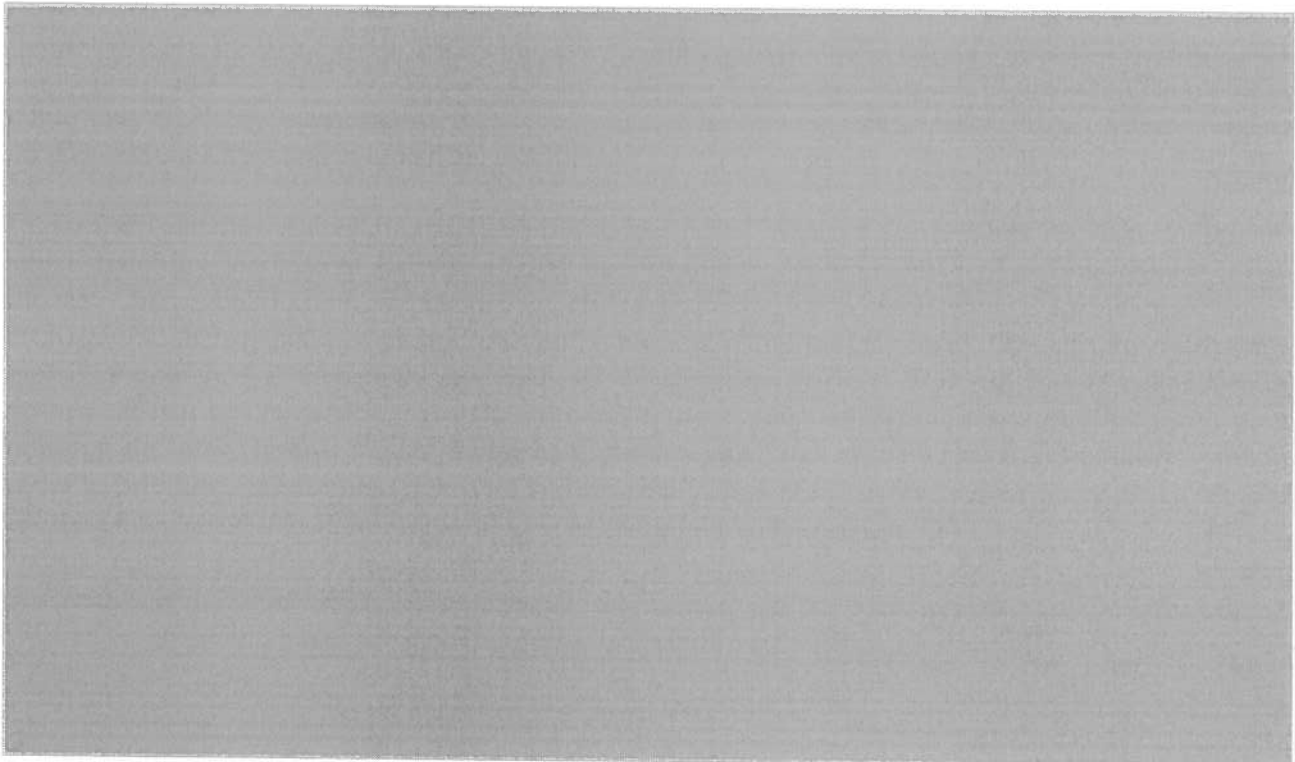
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To Members of the Global Tech Panel

Dear all,

I wanted to thank those of you who made it and others who contributed in advance for an excellent first meeting of our Global Tech Panel on the 6th June. I genuinely enjoyed our conversation, and I am inspired and humbled by the expectations you have of Europe, the values we stand for, and the ethics that we should represent on the global stage. We don't get to choose the kind of times we live in. But we can choose to try to shape our times.

I take from our discussions a shared aspiration for a new form of partnership between diplomacy and technology leaders, to harness digital opportunities for good and address the new security threats. Like you, I think we need new global leadership at a time when confrontation, short-termism and the rejection of global rules and ethics seems all too prevalent. The current system for global governance is certainly imperfect. Rules can be improved. But the solution is never to destroy all that has been built. We should focus our energies not just on destroying the old, but on building the new. Improve rules, build new partnerships, and expand global governance. All in order to promote opportunity, creativity and ingenuity. It is in this spirit and with a sense of service for the global good that I look forward to continuing our collaboration.



For my part, I am ready to take the policy recommendations forward at my level in the EU, [REDACTED] in the UN and the G20 and with likeminded partner countries and civic leaders. [REDACTED]

In terms of when to meet next, I am open to proposals from your side. My only preference at this stage would be in favour of momentum, [REDACTED] In terms of meeting again as a full Panel, and in view of everyone's busy schedules, I suggest that we aim for two meetings in the coming year, leading up to a stock-taking next July [REDACTED]

In terms of venues, [REDACTED]

Personally, I propose organising meetings in Geneva and Tunis also in the months to come, as natural focal points for our detailed discussions on lethal autonomous weapons systems and education, respectively. Many of us will be in New York around the opening of the UN General Assembly in September. This could afford opportunities to meet as well, including possibly with UN Secretary-General António Guterres. [REDACTED]

After our first meeting, I am convinced that there is a new narrative to be created on tech and diplomacy working to solve problems together. We will each bring something different to the table: knowledge and ideas, leverage and influence, resources and technology. [REDACTED]

I look forward to continuing our common journey.

Yours sincerely,



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