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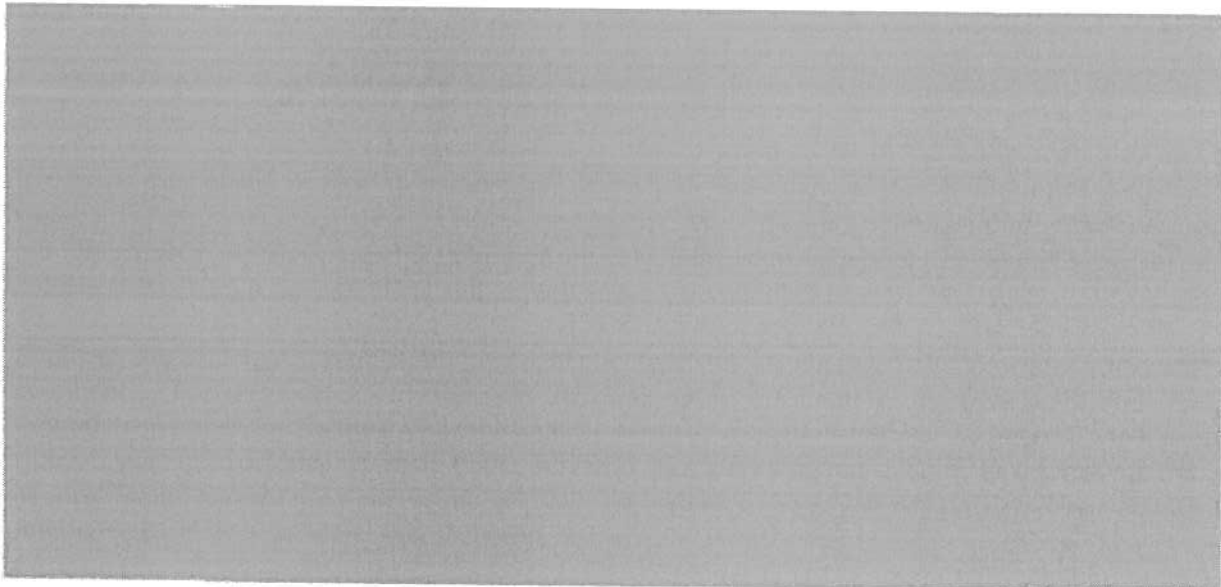
To Members of the Global Tech Panel

Dear all,

I wanted to thank those of you who made it our meeting in New York last week, and others who contributed in advance.

It sent a strong signal to meet in the margins of the UN General Assembly, inviting UN Secretary-General Guterres' representative to join as our guest. We will find solutions to the great issues of our times only if we work together, and the United Nations is the natural centre of gravity for all our collective work on peace, security, and growth around the world.

Realistic and effective solutions are born when we join forces, among global powers and between continents. For instance in creating jobs and opportunities for our young people; in governing migration together; in fighting violence against women; in demonstrating that respect for human rights makes our societies stronger and richer; in working for truly sustainable development; and – as this Panel aspires to – in using the full potential of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, while also addressing their dark sides.



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I would like us to move forward [REDACTED] on artificial intelligence and lethal autonomous weapons systems.

Since our last meeting, the issue has gained important political traction. The UN Secretary-General mentioned it in his opening remarks to the General Assembly last week. In September, the European Parliament passed its first-ever resolution on autonomous weapon systems. And the UN's Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems agreed on a first set of "Possible Guiding Principles" in August, an important result after year-long deliberations.

I was in Strasbourg to discuss the issue ahead of the European Parliament vote in September. I mentioned the work of this Panel, stressing the need to listen to the experts' advice on a very technical and delicate issue.

[REDACTED] EU leaders will adopt a Strategy on artificial intelligence in December.

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Politics needs technology to explore new opportunities and prevent potential threats, and technology needs diplomacy so that your expertise can shape good laws and diplomacy can help pave the way for progress. Thus, the public debate is not driven by prejudice and fear, but rather by openness, science, and human ingenuity.

I look forward to continuing our discussions soon. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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