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Dear Vice - President,

Invitation to take part in "WindEurope Summit 2016", 27 September 2016, Hamburg

I would like to invite you to give a keynote address during the opening morning of the Association's annual event, taking place in Hamburg, Germany, from 27-30 September 2016. We greatly appreciated your speech at our event in Paris last November. And with the important progress being made this year on the delivery of the Energy Union, our members would be very interested to hear from you again.

2016 sees two major developments for the European wind industry. Today "the European Wind Energy Association - EWEA" becomes "WindEurope", reflecting the maturity of the industry we represent, now a mainstream component of the energy mix in Europe and worldwide.

Second, we are combining our annual conference established in 1984 with the major industry trade show, "WindEnergy Hamburg". Teaming up in this way will result in the world's largest wind energy event with over 30,000 participants from over 60 countries coming to see 1,200 exhibitors and take part in a comprehensive conference programme.

Your keynote address would take place on the morning of Tuesday 27 September 2016. We are pleased to let you know that Sigmar Gabriel, German Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister of Economics and Energy, has already confirmed his participation at the opening.

Other speakers will be high-level policy makers and C-level representatives of major wind energy companies. If you accept, we will liaise with your services on details including the format and timing of the session, other participants and the role we would like you to play.

In order to maximise the value of your trip, we would also like to invite you to a VIP lunch, organise a tour of selected companies on the exhibition floor and arrange press interviews.

WindEurope's Head of Conference Programmes, Tim Robinson (tim.robinson@windeurope.org, tel +32 2 213 1844) is at the disposal of your services for any further questions and information on the logistics of the event.

Yours sincerely,
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