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Dear Vice-President Šefčovič

I am writing to invite you to speak at the next Chatham House **London Conference**, which will take place on **Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June 2016** at the St Pancras Renaissance Hotel in London.

Chatham House's annual flagship London Conference, launched in 2014, brings together approximately 200 senior decision-makers in the policy, business, civil society and academic spheres to debate the systemic risks facing the world as a result of the deepening process of globalization.

In 2016, the conference will focus on the theme of **'Re-Defining Borders: Challenges to Security, Stability and Resilience'**. Conference sessions will discuss how borders are being adapted, re-defined and broken down, and evaluate how to craft common responses and design – or re-design – the institutions that will shape and manage the borders of the future.

The conference draws on Chatham House's extensive international networks and capabilities as one of the world's leading independent institutes on international affairs. Amongst those who have joined the conference in previous years are:

- *Fernando Henrique Cardoso*, President of Brazil (1995-2002)
- *Obiageli Ezekwesili*, Senior Economic Advisor, Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative, Open Society Foundations; Vice President, Africa Division, World Bank (2007-12)
- *Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP*, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK
- *Margaret MacMillan*, Warden, St Anthony's College and Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford
- *Anders Fogh Rasmussen*, Secretary General, NATO (2009-14)
- *Sam Walsh*, Chief Executive, Rio Tinto

I would be delighted if you were available to contribute to this year's conference in a session on, 'Battle for the Grid: Coal, Gas and Renewables after Paris'. However, as the agenda is still flexible at this stage, we would be happy to discuss alternatives that may suit your availability and interests.

I have asked my colleague Laurel Loudon, who is coordinating this initiative on behalf of Chatham House, to contact your office to discuss possible options. She can be reached on +44 20 7314 3630 or [llouden@chathamhouse.org](mailto:llouden@chathamhouse.org).

We would be delighted if you were able to join us for this major initiative, and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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