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Excellency, Dear Franz-Michael,

Upon our return in Brussels, and on behalf of our whole parliamentary delegation, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the great help you and your office provided us with in organizing our mission to Afghanistan. The set-up of official meetings and the extensive series of lunches and dinners you so generously hosted at your residence offered us an excellent opportunity to meet with a wide and interesting range of Afghan interlocutors. Last but not least, your sharp insights gave us a serious input in our effort to decipher the Afghan maze.

Please kindly extend our thanks and appreciation to your whole team, and most notably to Ms. Anna Stege and to Mr. Jonas Grans, who spared no effort in ensuring the success of our mission.

As part of the follow-up, we would be keen to invite you for formal discussions at the European Parliament about the future of Afghanistan when you come to Brussels or Strasbourg. Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you again, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

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