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Dear Excellency,

The Mediterranean region is critical for global trade as the region accounts for 25% of all international seaborne trade. India's total trade with the Mediterranean Countries doubled from US\$ 48.60 Billion in 2017 to US\$ 83.20 Billion in 2022.

As India has emerged as one of the fastest growing large economies in the world with strong fundamentals, there exists a large potential for further strengthening the economic ties by diversifying trade and investment between both the regions.

With an objective to deliberate on how to improve the trade and economic prospects with strategic initiatives as well as an open and facilitative environment to encourage business, CII in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India is organizing the inaugural edition of the **CII India Mediterranean Business Conclave on 6 – 7 September 2024 in New Delhi.**

It will be one of the largest congregations of different stake holders from government, industry, think tanks, research organizations and others to deliberate and share their insights on critical issues to increase the trade opportunities and deepen the relationship. The Conclave will follow four tracks which will include **Natural Resources, Future Technology, Infrastructure & Logistics and Trade & Investment** and there will be discussion on different sectors such as – Maritime, Connectivity, IT & ITES, Smart manufacturing, Tourism, Energy, Digitalization, Infrastructure, Supply Chain, Industrial Défense and others.

I am writing to request and invite you to address the CII India Mediterranean Business Conclave and kindly consider leading a business delegation. On your advice, we shall be in touch with your office for finalizing your schedule at the Conclave.

I sincerely hope that you would consider this request favourably and look forward to receiving your kind confirmation.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R Dinesh

H.E. Ms. Miri Regev

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