



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
Minister Without Portfolio in Charge of European Integration

Belgrade, 03.08.2015.

Dear Mr. Pavel,

I would like to use this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude for the commitment you are showing to the work of the group “Friends of Serbia”, as its chairman in the European Parliament.

Also, I have to say that we highly appreciate your support and question you addressed to the European Commission, regarding the timeframe for opening of the first negotiation chapter in Serbia’s accession process to the EU.

As a candidate country, which is on its path towards membership in the European Union, that shares European values and that is undertaking hard economic reforms and fiscal consolidation process in order to secure stability and prosperity for our citizens, we hope that the EU will recognize our efforts and soon start with the procedure for opening of the first negotiation chapter in Serbia’s accession process to the European Union.

We are happy to see that the growing group “Friends of Serbia” already has twenty six members from different political groups in European Parliament, and we believe that its work will give a significant contribution in further improvement of cooperation and understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia in the process of European integration.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Looking forward to our future cooperation.

Sincerely,

MINISTER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joksimovic', written over the printed name.

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