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Dear Mr Popov,

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2011.

I was very pleased to participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Igman Initiative "European Prospects, Cooperation and Stability in the Region".

Since its establishment, the Igman Initiative has contributed to the development of good neighbourly relations and reconciliation policies in the region of Southeast Europe. With its active involvement with key issues such as regional cooperation, transitional justice and media, the Igman Initiative provides an important platform to identify problems and promote common solutions. Furthermore, through its many activities aimed at establishing stable democratic institutions, the rule of law and advocating the full respect of human and minority rights, the Igman Initiative contributes positively to the process of European integration in the entire region.

The European Commission acknowledges the important role played by the Igman Initiative in Southeast Europe and will continue to support civil society initiatives aimed at fostering good neighbourly relations and reconciliation.

I look forward to seeing your activities continue to make an invaluable contribution to peace and reconciliation in the region.

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Yours sincerely,