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Dear Mr Kuzmin,

First of all, let me express my sincere gratitude for all that you did to make the Conference "UNESCO between two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society" become such a successful event for the Russian Federation, the international community and, of course, UNESCO.

The Conference was very well organized, providing a platform for debate on all aspects of knowledge societies and covering a wide range of key issues, including freedom of expression, equal access to education, universal access to information, extensive public use of information, and the preservation and promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity. The Conference provided significant support for the core principles on which the UNESCO-elaborated concept of knowledge societies' rests, and for our overall approach to the World Summit on the Information Society. I am certain that the input of the Organizing and Programme Committee of the Conference and your personal commitment were vital for making this Conference such a success.

Thanks to your efforts, the Conference will undoubtedly make a very significant contribution to the second phase of the World Summit. As you said at the opening of the Conference, "...the Summit is just a beginning", I am sure that we shall continue our close and fruitful cooperation with you and the Russian Committee of the Information for All Program.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Françoise Rivière".

Françoise Rivière

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