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Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari
Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Water Resources,
River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
Government of India
Transport Bhawan
Sansad Marg
New Delhi – 110001

Dear Hon'ble Minister Shri Gadkari ji,

Re: **Building Europe-India Partnerships in India's Clean Ganga Mission**

June 2018, Brussels

I am writing you in the capacity as the Chairman of Brussels based Europe India Chamber of Commerce (EICC) which is recognized as the Apex Chamber of Europe with the mission to promote bilateral trade and economic relations between European Union and India. EICC has been organising its annual flagship events, the Trade and Investment Partnership Summit (TIPS) for last several years and has championed the interest of Indian business in the European headquarters in Brussels. Within the framework of TIPS, EICC plans to organise an exclusive high-level Seminar titled "**Building Europe - India Partnerships in India's Clean Ganga Mission**" in Brussels in June 2018. I take honour in inviting you to be the Chief Guest at the proposed conference. We shall decide the date after hearing your availability to visit Brussels.

The conference is intended to address the policy and programmes of the Government on Clean Ganga Mission, and to discuss the viable solutions, strategies for international collaboration on a sustainable Clean Ganga mission. The conference is envisaged to provide a forum for the interaction with European industrial experts, urban sanitation specialists, European technology providers, environmentalists, researchers, consultants and professionals associated with water security & waste water management. Available technological, financial, and social solutions and relevant policy and initiatives will also be discussed in-depth. This will be a pan European event and EICC shall invite European companies who are already present in India and are associated with Clean Ganga Mission and enterprises - private and government - to participate and have a direct interaction with you.

The launch of an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission called "Namami Gange" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is receiving international acclamation as the mission is already engaged in Ganga Rejuvenation by consolidating existing ongoing efforts and implementing concrete action plan for the future. As you are aware, many countries of Europe such as Germany, Belgium, and Netherlands have expressed interest in supporting Ganga Rejuvenation through knowledge / technology sharing and providing financial / technical assistance for Ganga Mission. It is in this respect that the conference will discuss capacity building, research and development, sharing of experiences, expertise, and best practices, and to promote continuous dialogue with relevant organizations of these countries to facilitate a fruitful involvement of foreign countries in Ganga Rejuvenation.

The conference is also a follow up of your visit to UK last month when you afforded me an opportunity to discuss work being done in the Clean Ganga Mission. I can once again confirm you the commitment of my Foresight Group to take up the development of riverfront at Kanpur.

The conference would be attended by high- profile Government and Industrial delegates from Europe including from European Commission and various European institutions. We believe that your contribution as Chief Guest will be unparalleled and a conference on this topic will be of great benefit. We look forward to hearing from you and a positive confirmation, an honour for me indeed.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ravi K. Mehrotra in black ink.

Chairman

Cc: Her Excellency Ms. Gaitri Issar Kumar, Ambassador of India to Belgium & Luxembourg and the Mission to the European Union - For your information and with a request that if you could also invite the Honorable Minister from your side to this conference as it will create an interest of European Unions to come forward to support this project in India.