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Dear Mr. Eliasson,

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Draft reply

I am pleased to share with you the Spring 2016 edition of *Intersections*, which provides an overview of The Hague Institute's recent work. The theme of this edition is "International Migration and the Refugee Crisis," and I am grateful to the Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, Bert Koenders and the Mayor of The Hague, Jozias van Aartsen for their insightful contributions on this pressing issue.

During the past few months, The Hague Institute has had the privilege of welcoming several high-level speakers, some of whose important contributions are reflected in this edition. In December, the Institute hosted the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini and Foreign Minister Koenders in connection with an expert consultation on the forthcoming EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy. In October, Baroness Patricia Scotland, who was recently elected Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, delivered a lecture at the Institute as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series.

This edition also provides updates on the research initiatives that are being implemented in cooperation with a wide-range of partners. In March, the Institute partnered with the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit to organize the international conference "Save Wildlife: Act Now or Game Over," which furthered a number of concrete initiatives to conserve wildlife. In February, the Institute worked with the BMW Foundation on an official side-event of the 52nd Munich Security Conference, which focused on establishing governance in fragile states. Together with the Municipality of The Hague, the Institute hosted an expert roundtable discussion at the Expo 2015 in Milan, which led to the development of an innovative framework to ensure the universal Right to Food. Researchers from the Institute are currently working on projects focused on peacebuilding through education in DR Congo with partners including UNICEF and Cordaid. The Institute also continues its work on migrant smuggling and human trafficking, which aims to address drivers of the current refugee crisis.

Intersections highlights the growing influence of The Hague Institute as a leading think- and do-tank that produces high-quality, policy relevant research and convenes key international decision-makers to address a range of global challenges from migration and violent extremism to climate change and wildlife conservation. I very much welcome comments and feedback, and hope this edition will encourage you to continue to engage actively with our work.

Sincerely,

It was a pleasure to see you at the Munich Security Conference.

Dr. Abi Williams
President

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