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To the members of the Swiss business community

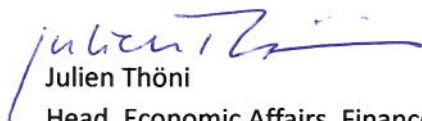
Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce the nomination of Mr. Marco Mariotti, President, Russia – Belarus, Philip Morris International, as new Swiss representative to the Council of National Representation (CNR) of the Association of European Businesses (AEB).

The AEB represents and promotes the interests of European companies conducting business in and with the Russian Federation. It carries out activities to improve the Russian business and trade environment and to promote economic integration and partnership between the Russian Federation and the European Union. The CNR assumes important responsibilities in the guidance and supervision of the AEB.

I am convinced that the Swiss business community can benefit very much from being represented at the CNR. AEB is an excellent platform to defend both the interests of large corporations and those of small and medium sized enterprises, and therefore can only encourage you to make use of this opportunity to bring your issues and concerns to the attention of the AEB and the CNR.

I avail myself of this opportunity, dear colleagues, to assure you of my highest consideration.



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