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Dear Members of the European Forum

I hope that you and your families are doing well despite the current situation!

The COVID-19 pandemic is a major challenge for all of us, currently and probably in the future, too. We cannot predict in which situation we will be in a few months: Will there still be restrictions on public life? Can we travel inside and outside of the European Union? Unfortunately, I cannot answer these questions but at the same time, as President of the European Forum, have to take a decision regarding the annual conference.

Given the unpredictable situation I have decided – admittedly with a heavy heart – that the annual conference of the European Forum with the title "The future is now: Advancing Accident Insurance in Europe" cannot take place from 15th to 17th September 2020 in Berlin.

I will now talk about the further actions with regard to the annual conference with the next Presidency, Croatia, and the Enlarged Bureau of the European Forum. Eventually the 2020 conference of the European Forum can be re-scheduled.

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Once a solution has been identified and agreed upon, you will be informed immediately. This will also include alternative meeting formats for the Working Groups and the CEO Meeting. We need to ensure that the important work of the European Forum continues including the exchange between us and the representation of our interests at the European level. Our aim, not only but especially in the current situation, should be to fulfill the tasks of accident insurances jointly and future-oriented and to improve the situation of workers in Europe, who have suffered an accident at work or an occupational disease.

As promised, further information will follow, soon. In the meantime, I wish you and your families all the best – above all, stay healthy!

Kind regards



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President of the European Forum