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Dear Prime Minister,

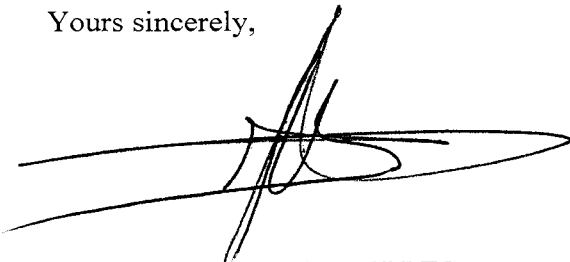
Please accept my warmest congratulations on the result of the referendum on the independence of Montenegro. By the will of a clear majority your country is now independent.

I was glad to see that, according to the European Parliament observation mission, the referendum was conducted in a transparent manner, with a large participation.

It is now essential for Montenegro and Serbia, and for the entire region, that the negotiations on the separation commence in a spirit of good cooperation and mutual trust. The perspective of joining the European Union and the fulfilment of all the accession criteria must be considered as principal objectives which should not be hampered by regional problems.

I wish you and your people every success in overcoming all the future challenges en route to the European Union.

Yours sincerely,



Josep BORRELL FONTELLES