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**Working visit of the EFTA Working Party to Switzerland**

Excellency,

The Swiss Government is pleased to invite the members of the Council Working Party on European Free Trade Association (COEFTA) to a working visit to Switzerland from 7 to 9 June 2021. Previous such trips in 2015 and 2017 have proven useful in reinforcing the delegates' knowledge of Switzerland's institutions and role in Europe. Significant developments have taken place in Europe and in our relationship with the European union since then. Provided sanitary conditions allow it, we believe that a working visit would be timely.

We are preparing a programme that would stretch from Monday 7 June, noon, to Wednesday 9 June, afternoon. Unless participants wish otherwise, the Swiss government would cover travel costs, accommodation as well as meals.

The visit will take place if the sanitary situation and measures in force allow it by then. We foresee a hygiene concept that takes into account measures in force in Switzerland and in Brussels as well as possible supplementary measures applicable to group travel and transportation. We will strive to make sure participants feel comfortable and safe. Travelling in the current circumstances requires some flexibility, self-discipline by all participants as well as extensive testing. Participation remains of course voluntary.

Should the proposal fit into your Presidency's agenda, we suggest that the Presidency and members of the Working Party save the date. In the meantime, our team will be in touch with your staff to organise an interesting visit.

Yours sincerely,

The Head of Mission

Urs Bucher  
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