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Dear Prime Minister Babiš,

Please allow me to convey to you my warmest congratulations and belated best wishes on the occasion of your appointment as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic in December 2017.

I am writing to you today in your function as Chairman of the Research, Development and Innovation Council. The former Deputy Prime Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, Mr. Pavel Bělobrádek, had invited me to join the International Advisory Panel of the Government Council for Research, Development and Innovation in 2016.

I feel privileged to be a member: The more deeply I regret that I have to write this letter of resignation from the International Advisory Panel membership. My numerous commitments as President/CEO of OIST Graduate University in Japan and President Emeritus of the Max Planck Society in Germany have prevented me from attending the joint meetings with the R&D Council much too often. I believe that this is not fair to the Government of the Czech Republic and it is my hope that in accepting my resignation, you will find a suitable replacement who will be in a better position to pursue the goals and purposes of the International Advisory Panel.

I wish you and your Ministers every success in the important tasks which lie ahead of you.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Gruss

