**Unit 001** Berlin  
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via

Unit Leader

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**Madam Chief of Staff**

Copy: Office of the State Secretary

**Re: Invitation to a Lecture at Hertie School of Governance**

Annex.: 1 (Hertie School letter of invitation)

Units 002 and 003 have co-signed this memo.

**I. Recommendation**

Accept invitation to a lecture at Hertie School of Governance

**II. Issue**

The Hertie School of Governance invites the Chancellor to give a lecture on “Trends of German Foreign Policy” during the upcoming spring semester 2022. Hertie would like to provide the Chancellor with a forum to reflect on her foreign policy achievement over the course of her tenure. The 40-minute-long lecture would be followed by a short “Questions & Answers” with selected students from the PDC “Trends of German foreign policy”.

In addition, the university would invite representatives from the diplomatic corps (Ambassadors, foreign dignitaries, etc.) and the German foreign policy community (lawmakers, think tank specialists, pundits of political science). All in all, the audience would encompass around 200 guests.

**III. Assessment**

The Hertie School of Governance is a renowned university which attracts young talents and rising leaders from all over the world. A significant portion of alumni chooses to enter public service. More recently, the university has developed a strong profile in foreign policy. Foreign dignitaries visit the university on a regular basis, giving lectures and joining conversations with students on a broad set of matters concerning international affairs.

A lecture would provide the Chancellor with an opportunity to reflect on her 16 years in office, how Germany´s foreign policy has developed during that time and what the future bears for Berlin policymakers.

Thus, we recommend that the Chancellor accepts the invitation. In order to multiply the outreach, we recommend that the lecture is being broadcasted via social media. In case our recommendation is being followed, we kindly ask for a possible date in the spring semester 2022 that we can take up with the Hertie School President´s office.

(Signature)

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