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**Welcome letter to the organizers and participants attending the
International Russian-German Forum of Creative Youth on
"Cultural diplomacy in the XXI century: new challenges, new solutions"**

Dear Friends,

Globethics.net is a global network focused on ethics, values and mutual understanding. On behalf of its international Board, staff in the Head Office and in the regions, especially Globethics.net Russia, and of its network of participants and partners around the world, it is my great honour and pleasure to welcome you, the organizers and participants attending the International Russian-German forum of creative youth on "Cultural diplomacy in the XXI century: new challenges, new solutions"!

I am inspired by the fact that you have made this journey to meet each other; this alone shows your openness and commitment to dialogue and to a shared future built together. Through your work during the Forum you have become friends, you have shared with each other your experiences and ideas and you have developed joint projects. Listening and speaking and learning from each other is the ethical alternative to a more insular, closed position that often results in violence and lack of understanding and respect for the other.

What you have achieved here this week can serve as a model; such an initiative provides a strong foundation for all the young people of Russia and of Germany for their interaction across a broad range of activities.

It is important that young people have taken the opportunity to speak at the Forum about their views on current issues in international relations. Solidarity among young people from different countries can and should have a positive influence on determining the future of world politics, the economy and of culture in the best interests of all.

Russia and Germany have a strong bond and a long history of interaction. I trust and wish that this Forum will contribute to the strengthening and development of creative collaborative projects and constructive dialogue between countries. We at Globethics.net support you in your efforts and invite you to join our network.

Thank you for bringing and sharing your work and creativity! I wish you every success in your initiatives and in your future lives and careers!

Yours sincerely,


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