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**To the participants and guests of the XI Eurasian Economic
Forum in Verona**

Dear friends,

I warmly welcome you on the occasion of opening yet another Eurasian Economic Forum traditionally hosted by Verona - one of the most beautiful cities in Italy and Europe.

The Verona Forum has acquired a deserved prestige in the international political, expert and business circles. The representative composition of its participants offers the possibility to discuss in detail the most diverse, often quite uneasy issues on the Eurasian agenda.

The theme of your current meeting - "The economy of trust and diplomacy of business from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean" – is of a current interest. It reflects the growing demand for broad international cooperation in trade, economic, financial, energy, technological and other fields, which would be free from all sorts of artificial restrictions, barriers, sanctions and unfair competition. I would like to confirm that the Russian party is ready for such constructive cooperation with all partners on the Eurasian continent.

I am confident, your discussions will be interesting and productive, and the ideas put forward by you and proposals will have a practical application.

I wish you every success and all the best.

Vladimir Putin