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President Dr. Kalliauer,  
dear conference participants,

it is indeed a great pleasure to be given the opportunity to send my greetings to the participants of the final conference of the „well-being@work“ project. Being the federal minister in charge of economic affairs, this topic is of immense interest to me.

During the past decade, the Austrian Work Climate Index has become an inseparable part of the public debate about the quality of jobs and social relations in businesses in Austria. The way I see it, this underscores the high significance our country attaches to good labor relations and a well-functioning social dialog at the level of enterprises and businesses.

It is highly gratifying that the Austrian Work Climate Index is gaining in importance even beyond Austria's borders. Discussions on Europe-wide economic and social benchmarks are apt to contribute significantly toward the development of a realistic post-Lisbon strategy of the European Union. This is the case, especially, if the underlying guidelines are based on scientifically sound, long-standing and proven concepts well-concerted between the social partners.

In any event, I wish all participants, especially the numerous attendees from European partner countries, a successful final conference. The great number of expert speakers promises an agenda packed with fascinating information about new trends from the job world. Such an exchange of opinions and experience is invaluable and irreplaceable.

Kind regards,

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