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Dear Mrs. Vaileanu,

*Subject: Invitation to World Bank Group President Ajay Banga
to address European Diaspora Business Summit*

On behalf of World Bank Group President Ajay Banga, I am writing to thank you for inviting him as a guest of honor and Excellence Award laureate at the 22nd edition of the French-Romanian European Diaspora Business Summit, which *Interview Francophone* is organizing in Paris on September 27-29. President Banga is honored, and very much regrets that due to prior engagements, he will not be able to attend this notable gathering.

Your efforts and dedication to building bridges between France and Romania in the greater context of European integration is to be commended, especially given the disheartening war raging northeast of Romania. Allow me to take this opportunity to signal the World Bank Group's commitment to bolstering development and stability in the region at this historical juncture. The World Bank also takes a keen interest in the role diasporas and the private sector play in uplifting communities and the broader development agenda. Indeed, the 2023 edition of our annual World Development Report highlights the importance of tapping into this critical resource.

The European Diaspora Business Summit will surely give rise to fruitful discussions, and strengthen dialogue and cooperation in Europe and beyond. We wish your team and your partners every success at the Summit.

Sincerely,

Cristina Mejía

cc: Jakob Kopperud, World Bank Special Representative for Europe