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**Projekt przesłania Pana Ministra Witolda Waszczykowskiego, do zamieszczenia w oficjalnej książce  
*Visegrad 4 Bicycle Race – Grand Prix Polski***

*Dear Participants,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am pleased to extend my patronage, once again, over this flagship sports event organised by the cycling federations from the Visegrad Group countries, especially as Poland currently holds the presidency of the Visegrad Group. I would like to thank the organisers of the fifth edition of this major Central European race, and all those who have made this endeavour possible, for their valuable contribution to regional cooperation.

I am convinced that the V4 Bicycle Race beautifully crystallises the spirit of cooperation and friendship among Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia – the four partners who share common history, as well as similar goals and values, forming effective and lasting synergies in a miscellany of fields. I deeply believe that this Race plays an important role in strengthening dialogue between our societies and in enhancing people-to-people contacts which are prerequisites to peace and unity. I am also glad that this Bicycle Race allows us to promote a number of unique places famous for their historical and natural heritage.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, I would like to wish all Racers every success and luck in this special regional competition – may the spirit of V4 partnership be your driving force throughout the Race. I also wish all Participants of this gathering a lot of enthusiasm and joy in discovering our splendid regions!

*Yours sincerely,*



Witold Waszczykowski

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Patron of the V4 Bicycle Race in Poland