**Letter from the Director General of the Paris Peace Forum to the Members of the Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals**

Dear Members of the Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first meeting of the Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals, held on the sidelines of the Paris Peace Forum’s Spring Meeting in Ben Guérir, Morocco. Thank you for your participation in this inaugural meeting.

The demand for minerals essential to manufacturing technologies such as wind turbines, solar panels, and electric batteries is projected to steeply increase. However, geopolitical tensions and a lack of international coordination are hindering our ability to address the urgent economic, environmental, and societal challenges associated with the global extraction, use, and reuse of these minerals.

The current divisions in international efforts come at the expense of global multilateral initiatives to resolve issues around the supply of transition minerals and to achieve the energy transition. The role of your Council will be to further international collaboration on these pressing issues and to deliver policy recommendations, reconciling the diversity of voices and interests at play. You will be supported in this endeavour by the PPF Secretariat and by a brain trust of Special Advisors.

I hope this meeting will foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration. I am eager to hear your thoughts on strategies to better coordinate international efforts on transition minerals, make the growing market more fluid and transparent, enable resource-rich countries to translate their mineral wealth into economic development, incentivize investment in responsible mining projects, and ensure environmental and social sustainability throughout supply chains. I am confident that your discussions will shed light on the potential of collaboration in paving the way for effective collective solutions.

I would like to express my gratitude once again for your commitment to this vital cause. I look forward to our discussions and the work we will accomplish together.

Warm regards,

Justin Vaïsse