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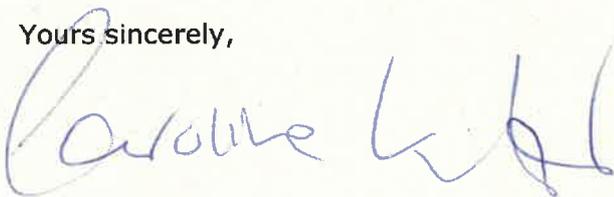
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Dear Ms. Sidiropoulos,

It is with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Steven Gruzd. Through his work with the South African Institute of International Affairs SAIIA, Steven was very closely connected to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and was one of our most cherished South African partners. His exceptional expertise was something we greatly valued, and he was someone we trusted deeply on even the most difficult topics. His passing leaves us with a profound sense of loss.

On behalf of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Steven's family and to his colleagues at SAIIA. We hope his family finds strength and comfort during this incredibly difficult time. May his soul rest in peace. We will always remember Steven as a reliable partner and a dear friend of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Kanter