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**To the Participants and Guests of the Events Marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Cooperation between the Russian Academy of Sciences and the  
National Academy of Sciences**

Respected Friends!

I would like to congratulate you on this memorable date – the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of scientific cooperation between the Russian Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Sciences of the United States.

During the past years, fruitful contacts between the scientists of the two countries have made a substantial contribution to the development of basic science and have enriched it with many ideas and discoveries. Their joint projects and truly fruitful partnership and friendly relations have strengthened trust and mutual understanding between our peoples. Meanwhile the bold initiatives put forth have served to preserve world peace and stability.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, mankind faces a wide range of global problems. These include international security, modernization of the energy sector, efforts to prevent climate change and to preserve the environment.

I am certain that the scientists of Russia and the United States will work together to resolve these problems and cooperation between the two academies will continue to develop dynamically in the interests of progress and the welfare of our countries and peoples.

I wish the participants of the Anniversary events new successes and all the very best.

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