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**Address by Dr. Alexander Shokhin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Russian-American Business Council, President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, and Mr. David Iakobachvili, President of the Russian-American Business Council, to participants of the U.S.-Russia Business Council 2018 Annual Meeting**

On behalf of Russian-American Business Council (RABC) we would like to welcome the participants of the U.S.-Russia Business Council (USRBC) 2018 Annual Meeting.

It is very important that despite the tensions between our states Russian and American enterprises develop business of the US companies in the Russian Federation and Russian companies in the USA, build constructive collaboration appreciating its significant advantages and mutual benefits. The USRBC role in fostering pragmatic dialogue between Russian and American business cannot be overestimated.

We are convinced that the USRBC and RABC engagement will effectively promote mechanism of Russian and American business cooperation and will prove an important resource of business-diplomacy.

We believe joint Russian-American business events scheduled for 2019 in the Russian Business Week, Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum and other fora will facilitate a search of effective solutions to shared challenges and contribute to development of trade and economic cooperation of our countries.

We wish the USRBC Annual Meeting participants productive discussions and every success in advancing ambitious professional goals!

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