Dear Sara, dear colleagues,

And, if I may say so, dear friends,

As immediate past-President of the Association Européenne des Avocats, European Association of Lawyers, AEA-EAL, which is a association connecting individual lawyers, organizing meetings on actual scientific topics of European Law, I am very happy to see the success of the FBE, connecting Representatives of European Bars and I sincerely gratulate for the 25th Anniversary!

I think we are at a special time when it is very important that all lawyers who believe in Europe really work together to maintain Europe and make it stronger!

The topic chosen for this Congress is a typical subject where Europe is to be strong because of countries outside Europe which don't take the necessary measures to preserve our Earth and the Health of its inhabitants...

And we will hear with great interest how lawyers can be active, even more and more active in this area.

I wish a big success to the FBE and I hope our associations will continue to work together for the ideas of Europe as colleagues and as friends out of all Europe! I can assure you that the AEA-EAL will always be present to cooperate with you for the European ideal and for the profession of lawyers in Europe!

Happy Birthday, Herzliche Glückswünsche zum Geburtstag, Bon anniversaire!

Monique Stengel Immediate Past-President AEA-EAL

10 November 2017 London