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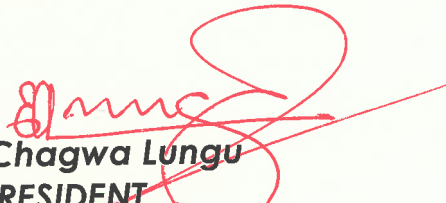
Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government, the people of the Republic of Zambia and indeed on my own behalf, allow me to extend congratulations to the European Union on the commemoration to mark the unification of European Union Member States.

My Government values the bonds of friendships shared with the European Union which continues to be one of Zambia's important and long standing development partners. Over the years, this relationship has culminated into increased cooperation in various fields such as health, agriculture, education and good governance.

My Government wishes to express solidarity with the European Union in the global fight against COVID-19 which will have untold challenges to all countries of the world. We do however, remain committed to collaborative efforts to end this global pandemic, while appreciative, in particular, of the support of the EU to the Zambian people.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your continued personal good health and prosperity for the European Union.

  
**Edgar Chagwa Lungu**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**His Excellency Mr. Charles Michel**  
**President of the European Council**  
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