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**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

Minsk, 9 May 2020

Your Excellency,

Allow me to congratulate you on the occasion of Europe Day.

The post-War restoration of the devastated economy contributed to the unification of European States around the aims of building a safer world and promoting sustainable development. It is symbolic that the predecessor of the European Union – the single market of steel and coal – has forged the main raw resources of war into an instrument of peace and partnership.

Despite the current difficulties, today's European Union, same as before, plays a significant role in supporting stability on the Eurasian continent, while at the same time serving as a warrant of independence and sovereignty of European countries.

Belarus is a supporter of long-term cooperation and predictability in relations between neighbours. We count on open and constructive interaction with European partners in all fields of mutual interest.

On this celebrity day I wish Your Excellency good health and every success on the responsible political post, while to all citizens of a united Europe – prosperity and accord.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alexander Lukashenko

**Her Excellency  
Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission  
Brussels**