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In honor of Europe Day, I join all Americans in offering our best wishes to the citizens of the European Union.

The United States and the European Union have a strong and enduring partnership based on our shared democratic values, strong economic ties, and mutual commitment to addressing global challenges.

The United States deeply appreciates the European Union's role in promoting peace, security, human rights, and prosperity in Europe and around the world. The European Union has stood with us on a full range of international security issues and is an increasingly important partner in countering terrorism and extremism. We work closely with the European Union in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia and coordinate our humanitarian assistance around the world.

Our mutual trade and investments, which account for almost half of global output and one-third of world trade, reinforce these strong ties and create millions of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.

As the cultural bonds between our peoples unite us, so do the many common interests we share.

As we honor the spirit of Europe Day, we value the strong friendship and cooperation between the United States and the European Union.

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