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To Participants in the First International Conference of the European and International Criminal Law Institute:

At the invitation of my dear friend Professor Mylonopoulos, I am honored to welcome participants in the First International Conference of the European and International Criminal Law Institute, which, unhappily, I am unable to attend in person.

In the twenty-first century, crime and criminality are no longer contained within one country. Like other aspects of contemporary life, crime crosses borders and makes the problems of one country the problems of all. The nations of Europe especially confront issues growing out of their conjoint independence and interdependence. The role of international criminal law faces new challenges and offers new opportunities. It is, therefore, appropriate that the subject of this First International Conference is International Criminal Law and Contemporary conference to the participants themselves and to the nations whom they represent.

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