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**Press Release from Jacques Delors
Honorary Citizen of Europe**

I am moved by this recognition from the highest European authorities, and am also very proud to follow in the footsteps of two great men—two great Europeans for whom I feel both admiration and affection: Jean Monnet et Helmut Kohl.

The fight for a strong Europe which supports its values with pride remains my own. I rage when I feel that she is moving away from this ideal.

I send my warmest thanks to all of those who have given me this honor. I remain convinced that, without a strong Europe which is building a collective and sustainable future, there cannot be a happy future for our fellow Europeans.

The challenge for Europe, in the face of the radical transformations in the world and the human and social disorders that they bring, remains today what it was yesterday: the choice between survival and decline. To pursue this ambition, I continue my militant activism, most notably within the Jacques Delors Institute (Notre Europe).

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