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Spoštovane in spoštovani,

Hvala za povabilo na srečanje in mednarodno konferenco. Najprej bi rad poudaril, da sem vesel, da ste se ob podpori programa Evropske komisije Evropa za državljane zbrali in da boste med drugim tudi izmenjali svoje poglede in izkušnje o pomenu manjšin v Evropi. Na žalost se vam ne morem pridružiti tako kot lani, in sem se odločil, da vam napišem nekaj besed.

Tu ste se zbrali na predvečer volitev v Evropski parlament. Med drugim boste tudi razmišljali tudi o tem kakšno Evropo si želite. Evropska unija ni samo enotni trg, prosti pretok denarja, storitev in ljudi. Evropska enota smo predvsem ljudje, ki izhajamo iz skupnih vrednot in gradimo na različnih identitetah, ki pa nas združujejo ter bogatijo.

Naj vas spomnim, na 2. člen Pogodbe o Evropski unije pravi: "Unija temelji na vrednotah spoštovanja človekovega dostojanstva, svobode, demokracije, enakosti, pravne države in spoštovanja človekovih pravic, vključno s pravicami pripadnikov manjšin. Te vrednote so skupne vsem državam članicam v družbi, ki jo označujejo pluralizem, nediskriminacija, strpnost, pravičnost, solidarnost ter enakost žensk in moških."

Svoja razmišljanja o Evropi udejanjite tudi na volitvah. Izkoristite svojo državljansko pravico in dolžnost in sooblikujte Evropo v skladu z vašimi željami in interesi.

Želim vam prijetno druženje in upam, da se ob naslednji priložnosti vidimo.

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International conference

"Minority Stories: European Perspectives and Learning Opportunities"

May 23-26, 2019, Rimske Toplice, Laško, Celje

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for your invitation to the meeting and the international conference. First of all, I would like to emphasize that I am pleased that, with the support of the European Commission's Europe for Citizens program, you have gathered and that you will also exchange your views and experiences on the importance of Minorities in Europe. Unfortunately, I cannot join you like last year, and I decided to write you a few words.

You gathered here on the eve of the elections to the European Parliament. Among other things, you will also be thinking about what kind of Europe you want. The European Union is not only a single market, a free flow of money, services and people. The European unit is, above all, people who come from common values and build on different identities, which unite and enrich us.

Let me remind you, Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union states: "The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to all Member States in a society characterized by pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men. "

You also make your own thoughts about Europe in the elections. Make use of your civic rights and duties and shape Europe according to your wishes and interests.

I wish you a pleasant gathering and I hope that on the next occasion we will meet.

Zoran Stančič