Welcome note from the MEP TEAM

Distinguished Presidents, Venerable Committee Presidents, Honorable Delegates, Esteemed Coordinators, Directors and Teachers,

On behalf of MEP France based in Lycee Sainte-Marie de Neuilly, in close cooperation with EuropaNova and The Young Europeans, we wish to extend to all of you our warmest welcome to the 50th international Model European Parliament session in Paris and Strasbourg. We are honoured and delighted to organise this conference in France, 23 years after the first one.

A tremendous team of MEP alumni, delegates, committee presidents and volunteers took charge of the preparation of this international session. The team building program, the committee issues, the cultural event, the logo and the goodies as well, everything down to the last detail has been designed and created by the young for the young.

We, as the coordinators of this amazing team, are very proud of the work achieved, no matter the sleepless nights, no matter the hundreds of mails, no matter the time spent reviewing every single detail. It has been our absolute pleasure to work all together, to plan this session for you and, above all, to build close ties between us. We hope you will get as much pleasure in this outstanding week as we got in the past two years.

While the United States are drifting away from Europe, while Russia is yet again a serious destabilizing factor, while illeberal or empty democracies are threatening the European project, France has called for a new European drive. « France is back » declared Emmanuel Macron at the Summit of Davos in 2018. 23 years after a first one, a new international MEP session is held in Paris and we reaffirm our commitment: Yes, France is back.

We wish you a great and fulfulling experience in Paris, the City of Light. Be Paris the City of Light for all of you and for the future Europe you represent. Be this MEP an enlightment for your mind, heart and spirit. The floor is yours.

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