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The Honorable Donald John Trump
President-elect of the United States of America

Dear Mr. Trump:

I congratulate you on your election as President of the United States of America, also on behalf of my fellow Germans.

The long-standing and strong friendship between our peoples is built on shared values. The extraordinary support that the United States of America provided to Germany whenever our freedom and unity were at stake remains unforgotten. Our intensive cooperation in a spirit of trust will remain crucial for meeting global challenges.

Transatlantic relations will always be a cornerstone of German policy. Germany will continue to be a reliable friend and ally in efforts to protect freedom, peace, prosperity, and our environment.

At a time when our democratic societies are often being called into question, and crises in many regions of the world are threatening peace, it is more important than ever that those holding transatlantic values and beliefs assume greater shared responsibility.

I wish you good luck, a sure hand, and God's blessing for the tasks that lie ahead.

Joachim Gauck

President of the Federal Republic of Germany

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