Dear friends,
first of all, thank you for this occasion.
Our university is multidisciplinary and has a strong project for the future. A project that is now a common finality.
Milan has always been a magnet for social movements and organizations, which have established themselves in a common destiny, reaching a goal based on a synthesis of identities of different origins. Similarly, our University is the result of this complex process of assimilating a multiplicity that integrates elements into a single body.

Europe is today a place where all traditions must dialogue: an authentic identity arises only with respect to differences. And today we are building an extra stone for an increasingly intelligent European identity.

Thanks to the universities of Copenhagen, Heidelberg, Paris, Prague and Warsaw. I'm sure we will work well together

Deux mots, en terminant, pour remercier Jean et toute l’Université de la Sorbonne pour leur hospitalité extraordinaire. Nous ne l’oublierons pas et espérons sincèrement que vous serez tous nos invités. Merci beaucoup cher Jean.

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