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Sir Graham Watson
President, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats
For Europe (ALDE) Party

Dear Graham:

We are deeply saddened by the results of the recently concluded European Parliament elections in the United Kingdom and in Germany. We are aware that the European Liberals worked so hard in campaigning for a more integrated Europe, and we witnessed how the ALDE Party reflected this stance in its platforms and policies despite the growing opposition from populist elements. While this position apparently did not resonate to the electorate this time, we continue to believe that the relentless spirit for unity, cooperation, and integration, which the liberals hold dear, will eventually pave the way towards a new beginning for Europe and for European Liberals.

We trust that the UK and German Liberals, in particular, will rise again soon, and that you will continue the unceasing and admirable effort of providing the "torrents of Liberal ideas" that we all need as guideposts in governance and policy making.

We always hold on to what you shared during the 20th Anniversary of CALD in Manila, "What Liberalism offers us is the chance to build and safeguard a free, fair and open society in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, community and equality of opportunity and in which nobody shall be enslaved by ignorance or poverty or pressure to conform."

Your liberal family in CALD will always be here as your partner in continuing to build a better global liberal community.

We wish you all the best in the future, Graham. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely yours,

SGD
Hon. Oyun Sanjaasuren
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