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*CIRQUE POUR L'UNITE*

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Dear friends,

I am very pleased to be here with you today, to see the "Cirque pour l'Unité" performance, and the fruit of your hard training during these last months.

The European Union has supported this project to help provide an "arena" for young people to engage together in cultural and artistic expressions.

Seeing you all here today, having worked together, and now united and eagerly waiting to present your talent to us, is an encouragement for us to continue supporting such initiatives.

This performance tonight is taking place after the tragic events that shook Lebanon last week. The European Union stands by all the Lebanese and we want to stress our continued support to all – and in particular to the young people.

Creating bonds among you, the young people of Lebanon is fundamental because you are together the future of this country. You will be the ones shaping the future, that of a tolerant and peaceful Lebanon, that we all very much need.

I would like to thank all the people who have participated in and supported this initiative. Without further ado, let us now all enjoy the performance together.

Thank you.