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GLOBALISM VERSUS NATIONALISM

Your Excellences, members of Academy, participants of the Conference,

In Europe we experience on a daily basis the difference between globalism and nationalism. The original idea of the European Union was to speak and to live in a united Europe. Of course we understand globalism as a cooperation of the whole world. This goal is already achieved by the big companies, not politically. Globalism is working on a great section of trade with all its difficulties. There are tensions between different parts of the population.

The global European situation is quite different. In the history we had the Roman Empire more or less centralized in the South. Later we had in the middle the Empire of Charlemagne lasting from 870 to the end of the Habsburgs 1918. In between we had wonderful actions of 400 years by the Hanse. This was a Union of trading, which was involving twenty different states. All those attempts fell apart as soon as nationalisms started. Nationalism or thinking in small territories is never good for a big and wide thinking. Nationalism cannot reach out, it is too short-sighted, more or less against the human aims of thinking in bigger dimensions. Globalism with the specific emphasis on Europe versus Nationalism is one of the most important topics for Europe. Globalism means being well educated and having a big and open heart in understanding and living in coexistence with all our neighbours.