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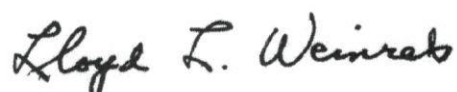
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To Participants in the First International Conference of
the European and International Criminal Law Institute:

At the invitation of my dear friend Professor Mylonopoulos,
I am honored to welcome participants in the First International
Conference of the European and International Criminal Law
Institute, which, unhappily, I am unable to attend in person.

In the twenty-first century, crime and criminality are no
longer contained within one country. Like other aspects of
contemporary life, crime crosses borders and makes the problems
of one country the problems of all. The nations of Europe
especially confront issues growing out of their conjoint
independence and interdependence. The role of international
criminal law faces new challenges and offers new opportunities. It
is, therefore, appropriate that the subject of this First International
Conference is International Criminal Law and Contemporary
conference to the participants themselves and to the nations whom
they represent.



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