Your Excellency, Dear Jacques

It was with deep sadness that I learned of the sudden passing of the President of Notre Europe and your close colleague, Mr. Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa.

Mr. Padoa-Schioppa was one of the most dedicated Europeans whom I have been privileged to know. His commitment to European unity and his tireless work on the creation of the common European currency have left a lasting legacy on the continent. Even after leaving official life, his engagement in overcoming the challenges within the Union have inspired me greatly. Tommaso was a man of great skill, wit and style.

Just as is the case with all of you at Notre Europe, I too shall miss him profoundly and send herewith my sincere condolences to his family.

Yours,

Joschka Fischer