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Dear Friends,

On behalf of FIBA Europe, I would like to welcome you to the Final Round of the 2004 European Championship for U16 Girls in Piemonte, Italy.

Your teams have gathered from all over Europe to set an example of international basketball excellence. The upcoming days will be challenging and will require perhaps more than you've ever given to the sport. Indeed, your personal definitions of teamwork and competition will be developed further as you encounter Europe's best U16 teams.

However, in the midst of these hurdles, you will come to better understand international sport and why FIBA Europe is so dedicated to it. It is our number-one desire to see you succeed — not in terms of win and lose, but in terms of sport, in terms of European basketball for young women.

There are many people, particularly the Italian Basketball Federation and the Local Organising Committee, who have dedicated their time to the preparation and organisation of this event for no other purpose than to see this goal achieved. You are the future of women's basketball in Europe and we are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished.

I would like to extend my congratulations to you for reaching these final stages of the European Championship and wish you the best of luck in the days ahead.

Best regards,

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