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Marking the 75th anniversary 2 April 2020

Greetings to you all,

This is a difficult situation for us: being unable to meet in Ravensbrück this year to mark the 75th anniversary of liberation.

I would like to bring you the greetings of the International Committee, which had to make the sad decision not to hold the commemorative ceremony on 19 April and do without the meeting with all the women from different European countries. And that was not all: The exhibition *Faces of Europe*, which, as we believe, successfully establishes a link between the generations, will not be opened – a decision that the Committee made with equally great regret.

At this special moment, we are filled with different thoughts and emotions, not least because we have to leave all the women who did not survive their deportation to the camp to themselves – on this day of all days on which we should have been there to remember their suffering.

We will make sure that the year until the next anniversary will not prove futile. We will continue historical research and plan new initiatives to be put into practice as soon as the international situation will allow us to do so.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Memorial Director Dr. Insa Eschebach and all those who carry on with their work right now, helping us to continue our valuable communication with Ravensbrück.

Thank you – and I hope to see you soon.

Ambra Laurenzi
The President