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Dear Ms Von Der Leyen,

The European Union is now more necessary than ever. It is the moment for all European regions to stay together in a common effort to overcome both the healthcare and economic crisis as soon as possible.

That is why I would like to thank you for participate in the Conference of Spanish Region Presidents Conference celebrated today, and especially for your recognition of Madrid Region efforts regarding the launch of IFEMA hospital, built within 48 hours and fully operational in 5 days. It played a key role in our fight against the first wave of Covid19.

The success of the IFEMA hospital was so evident that the World Health Organization and some media all over the world called it "The IFEMA miracle". This is why Madrid Region started to build a new hospital, focused on pandemics and disasters but also with the aim of increasing the capabilities of our healthcare system when Covid19 goes away.

We will be one of the few capital cities with an international airport near a hospital because we aim to build a global healthcare system. I am sure that Europe will say proudly that we are even more universal with a public hospital that looks after all tourists and travelers that visit us. Because this facility has an international nature.

The purpose of this letter is to request your attendance on the inauguration of this hospital, called "Nurse Isabel Zendal", which will take place in November.

We would be pleased to receive you on such an important. We built this hospital in just 3 months thanks to the work of more than 1.350 people and some of the best engineers across the country. This hospital will have more than one thousand available beds and the most innovative human and technological resources.

As I already stated in my last letter, please do not hesitate to contact me in case we can be of help in Europe. Please let me know if you are interested in attend to the inauguration of this new hospital to send you the final details. I hope we can meet there.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel Díaz Ayuso
President of Madrid Region