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Dear Professor Capasso,

Allow me to thank you, and all at the Fondazione Mediterraneo, for awarding me the Mediterranean Peace Prize for Social Solidarity in Rome last week. I was deeply honored by this recognition, which was made all the more special because it came from Italy – a country for which I have the fondest regards and the warmest memories.

This is also a good opportunity for me to pay tribute to the vital and noble work of the Fondazione Mediterraneo. At this tense and challenging time in our lives, there is nothing more important than promoting peace, encouraging understanding and fostering neighbourliness between peoples in the Mediterranean region, and beyond. Our children's future security depends on it.

I hope that we will have the opportunity to see each other again soon. Until then, may you, and all at Fondazione Mediterraneo, be blessed with good health and happiness, peace and productivity.

Kind regards,

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