

Words of greetings from the President of the CDU Germany, Prime Minister Dr. Angela Merkel, MdB, to the 24th Bi-Annual Installation and Dinner Dance of the Steuben Association of the New York Police Department (NYPD)

Dear Members and Friends of the NYPD Steuben Association,

It gives me great pleasure to greet you personally and sincerely in the name of the CDU Germany. You celebrate this evening the installation of the new Board of Officers. I wish you, and especially your first president, Deborah White much success. I know from my own experience that it is an especially exciting and rewarding challenge to be the first woman to be at the head of an organization.

I welcome that you ask much at first in this time what state and society can do for you to understand your professional occupation as civil servants of the citizens of the City of New York. September 11, 2001 showed what sacrifices your civil servants can demand. We Germans have promised on this fateful day, I confirm again: We stand on the side of America and your citizens in the war against international terrorism.

I thank you, that as the Steuben Association look after the German cultural assets in the new world, and in the age of globalization look across the Atlantic for encounters and mutual understanding. Only together can Europe and America successfully solve the problems of the 21st century.

With friendly greetings,

Dr. Angela Merkel