



**SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER LUC FRIEDEN
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE GUILLAUME**

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Your Royal Highness,

Through the abdication of Your Father, Grand Duke Henri, at the Palace, You have just become the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. And in a few minutes, by taking the oath before this Parliament, You will become our new Head of State.

It is a great responsibility: one that requires commitment, courage, and heart.

As the symbol of our nation, you stand as the guarantor of its unity and independence. As Head of State, you embody the continuity of our institutions. The strength of a constitutional monarchy is precisely this continuity and stability, standing apart from the daily political business.

At the same time, today, and every succession to the throne – today being no exception – marks a time of renewal and transition. For things to stay as they are, they must evolve.

No one knows what the future holds, and each generation must face its own challenges. And there are many today: the geopolitical context, artificial intelligence, climate change and global economic competition.

This context will naturally influence the exercise of Your function. For in a monarchy, the spirit of the times is always reflected in the Sovereign.

Thus, Grand Duchess Charlotte embodied Luxembourg's independence and resistance during and after the Second World War.

The reign of Grand Duke Jean witnessed the economic and social development of the country, at the heart of the European project.

And under Grand Duke Henri, Luxembourg became one of the most international countries in the world, without losing its roots and traditions.



The historical significance of these periods is clear to us today. But at the time when Your great-grandmother, Your grandfather and Your father assumed the role of Head of State of Luxembourg, this was far from evident.

We don't know what the future holds for us. Yet today is not marked by uncertainty. On the contrary, it is a moment of confidence.

For, Monseigneur, we know You.

I know that You will be a Head of State committed to contributing to the success of our country, attentive to the concerns of all citizens, and driven by a genuine interest in a wide variety of topics.

As Crown Prince, *Lieutenant-Représentant*, member of the Council of State, scout, You have come to know all the facets of our country, its institutions and its people.

All those You have met over the last few years, during Your many visits and economic missions, know You and hold You in high esteem.

We know that You are ready to succeed Your Father, Grand Duke Henri, as Head of State of Luxembourg.

Alongside Your wife, Grand Duchess Stéphanie, You embody a modern monarchy – attentive, engaged and representing the hopes and aspirations of the Luxembourg people.

A monarchy that understands and reflects the realities of our time, while remaining true to its roots.

On behalf of the Government and as Your First Prime Minister, I assure You of our support in the fulfilment of all Your constitutional duties and wish You happiness and success in the exercise of Your responsibilities at the helm of our country.

Long live the Grand Duke!

Long live the Grand Duchess!

Long live Luxembourg!

Long live Europe!