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## Conclusion

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We spent more than one week together enjoying the traditional hospitality of Egypt, the country whose glorious, old tradition presents the subject of our common interest. In the long history of human civilization the Ancient Egyptian culture holds a special and unique position. There is a well known common saying, that the national culture of a country as a contribution to the general human culture is practically concerning only this nation, which is conducting the archaeological excavations in Egypt. The fact, that such an opinion - rightly or not - could be expressed, proves the special position which Egyptian art and culture, and the research work of the Egyptologists takes in the evolution of modern intellectual conscience since more than one and a half century.

Observers - who always see most of the game - may better appreciate our First International Congress of Egyptology than ourselves. We have been obliged, in view of so many papers presented by our colleagues to discuss these problems in sections. This, of course, made it difficult, or sometimes quite impossible, to follow all by the participants presented problems. Leaving this congress, we can however agree, that everybody has learned plenty, enlarging his knowledge in the matters hitherto less familiar to many of us.

This congress has also one very optimistic aspect: in the same time we had the opportunity to listen to the papers presented by prominent scholars of a great authority, and to the papers by the participants belonging to the youngest generation of the Egyptologists. It is not my duty to express here any evaluation of this or other paper. We will have later the opportunity to study them, when they are published by the Akademie Verlag, Berlin, as "Acts of the First International Congress of Egyptology".

After the revival of the International Association of Egyptologists, I wish once more to express on behalf of all the participants of the

congress our great and sincere gratitude to the Honorary President, The First Lady of Egypt, Madame Jihan el-Sadat, to the President of the Congress, our dear friend H.E. Professor Gamal Mokhtar, Undersecretary of State and the President of the Egyptian Organisation of Archaeology, to all the authorities of this country, who have been so kind in accepting this congress to be held in Cairo - where it should be held - and also to all our Egyptian colleagues from the organization committee, whose efficiency in preparing our meetings we have appreciated very much. But I think we must adress our thanks also to our colleague Dr. Wildung who has offered all his time and competence to organize this congress and helped us so much during this week.

As we should now expect to hear from our chairman the declaration that we are at the end of the congress, let me say to you all - thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your attention. Au revoir a Paris!