

Closing remarks by the King's Commissioner in Zeeland and the President of the Roosevelt Foundation, mr. Han Polman, FFA-ceremony, 21 April Middelburg.

Your Majesties, Your Royal Highness, Excellencies, Esteemed Laureates, Members of the Roosevelt family, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was an honor to welcome you in Zeeland, our land in the sea. Not a land's end, but the beginning of the world where we are all connected by the values of the four freedoms.

It is our conviction that when we live and act according to these ideals and principles, irrespective of our cultural background, religious belief, social position, and political conviction, we will realize President Roosevelt's vision of "the supremacy of human rights everywhere."

Our laureates show us that way forward. Their experiences show us that freedom is too valuable to be neglected, and remind us of our common duty to advance the cause of all four freedoms.

The Roosevelt Foundation and the Roosevelt Institute will continue to promote the four freedoms and the ideals and principles they represent.

We want to thank our Laureates and today's presenters.
And we want to thank you, ladies and gentlemen for your support.

We will soon move on to a 'Zeeuwse' lunch. Please remain seated whilst The Royal Family, the Laureates and the Presenters leave the church first. Then please follow the directions from our protocol assistants.

Before we go, allow me one last remark.

*Today is the 'Day of the German Language' in the Netherlands. Schools all over our country are promoting lessons in German so the least I can do is to conclude my speech in German. I thought it fitting to do this with a quote from Johan Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832). In his *Maximen und Reflexionen* he wrote:*

*Es ist nicht genug, zu wissen, man muss auch anwenden,
es ist nicht genug, zu wollen, man muss auch tun.*

*Knowing is not enough, we must apply,
willing is not enough, we must do.*

Danke sehr

Thank you very much.