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<u>Twinning ceremony BPW Limassol with BPW Sorrento – Chamber of Council of Sorrento Municipality Sunday 6/5/18 at 16.30 hrs. Welcome speech on behalf of Pinella Bombaci ECC European Regional Coordinator 2017-2020 by Kikoula Cotsapas ECC European Secretary.</u>

Dear Giovannamaria President BPW Sorrento Dear Pepy President of BPW Limassol Dear Nellina Chair of Twinning Committee Dear BPW members from Italy and Cyprus Distinguished guests

My name is KIKOULA COTSAPAS and I am the ECC European Secretary 2017-2020. At this twinning between BPW Limassol and Sorrento I represent the ECC European Regional Coordinator Giuseppa Bombaci, or Pinella as we all know her, who welcomes you to Sorrento. Pinella sends her warm greetings to all and regrets that she is not with us today. She has a previous engagement with BPW Spain. She accepted this engagement some time ago, before today's twinning date was announced. Pinella sends her love and best wishes for every success.

I am here also with another capacity, that of a proud member of BPW Limassol, twice President of my home town and BPW Cyprus President for one term. The Limassol club was founded 30 years ago by Cleri Anggelidou, a literature professor, a writer and a poet and an ex Education Minister, inspired by a visit in Sorrento in 1988, so we can call Sorrento our Godmother!!

In 1996 at the International Congress in Vancouver , Canada , BPW Cyprus applied and became a Federation having 5 clubs.

Today , the President of BPW Limassol Pepy Orphanidou with all of us members of BPW Cyprus have the great pleasure to be twinned with Sorrento from where we started our successful path. I would like to send my very warm regards to all BPW members here and my best wishes for a successful twinning . To the organizers of this lovely event a big thank you for their hospitality and gentleness .

Last but not least I would like to say how delighted I am to be here again in this beautiful part of Italy and especially in Sorrento.

Thank you again.