Angela Merkel's political memoir FREEDOM to be published on November 26, 2024 by St. Martin’s Press

(New York, NY -- May 13, 2024) -- On November 26, 2024, St. Martin’s Press will publish the eagerly awaited memoir of Angela Merkel. FREEDOM will be published by St. Martin’s Press in the U.S. and Canada simultaneously with Kiepenheuer & Witsch in Germany, Pan Macmillan in the U.K., as well as in many other countries around the world.

For 16 years, Angela Merkel was Chancellor of Germany. She led the country through numerous crises, shaping both Germany and international politics with her actions and attitudes. In her memoir, co-written with her long-time political advisor Beate Baumann, she reflects on her life in two German states – 35 years in the German Democratic Republic, 35 years in reunited Germany.

More intimately than ever before, she talks about her childhood, youth, and studies in the GDR and the dramatic year of 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell and her political life began. She also shares recollections and insights from her meetings and conversations with the world's most powerful people. Discussing significant national, European, and international turning points, she shows how the decisions were made that shaped our times. Her book offers a unique insight into the inner workings of power – and is a compelling plea for freedom.

Angela Merkel says: “What does freedom mean to me? This question has occupied me my entire life. Of course, politically, because freedom needs democratic conditions; without democracy, there is no freedom, no rule of law, no protection of human rights. But this question also occupies me on another level. Freedom, for me, is finding out where my own limits are and pushing myself to those limits. Freedom, for me, is to never stop learning, to never stand still, to continue moving forward, even after leaving politics.”

Jennifer Enderlin, President and Publisher of the St. Martin’s Publishing Group, says: "Angela Merkel is one of the most important leaders of our lifetime. With democracy receding around the world, the invaluable lessons, deep insight, and unwavering advocacy for freedom she shares in her book are more important now than ever.”
Angela Merkel, who served as the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany from 2005 to 2021, was the first woman in the country's most powerful office. Born in 1954 in Hamburg and raised in the GDR, where she studied physics and earned a doctorate in physics, she was elected to the German Bundestag in 1990. From 1991 to 1994, she was the Federal Minister for Women and Youth; from 1994 to 1998, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; and from 2000 to 2018, she was the leader of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany. In 2021, she ended her active political career.

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