



Ms. Cecilia Malmström
Trade Commissioner
European Commission
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200
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Subject: Request for meeting

Dear Ms. Malmström,

On Thursday 20 September 2018, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU ([COMECE](#)), [CIDSE](#), [Adveniat](#), and [MISEREOR](#) will be hosting in Brussels a high-level delegation of the [Red Eclesial Panamazónica](#) (REPAM), the **Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network**. The REPAM network was created in September 2014 in Brasilia following a meeting of Bishops, priests, and missionaries of congregations working to preserve the Amazonian territories of Latin America.

This REPAM delegation will include Art.4.1(b) and Art.4.1(b) REPAM and Art.4.1(b) REPAM, as well as two representatives of **indigenous communities** from the Brazilian Amazon region. The delegation will be accompanied by Art.4.1(b) COMECE and Art.4.1(b).

The REPAM delegation is travelling to Europe to present a report produced in cooperation with the [Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#) (IACHR) on issues of human rights, and especially land rights of indigenous peoples living in the Amazon region. The visit to Brussels shall also support the REPAM delegation in gathering opinions ahead of the Synod on the Amazon. The Catholic Church is convening this upcoming Synod for October 2019 in Rome to reflect on ways to foster sustainable human development in the Amazon region based on the principles of integral ecology.

In the context of this exceptional visit, and in light of the *EU Strategy for a renewed partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean*, soon to be presented in autumn 2018 and the ongoing negotiations towards an EU-Mercosur trade agreement, the above-mentioned co-organisers of this visit would like to **request a meeting of about half an hour with you on Thursday 20 September morning, if possible at 10.15 a.m.** Should you not be available, we would very much appreciate the presence of a member of your cabinet to represent you.

We look forward to this new opportunity for an exchange with you, at a time when global economic tensions require ever more determination and cooperation of public and moral leaders.

Whilst thanking you for your kind attention, I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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