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19th Annual EPP Group Dialogue with Churches and Religious Institutions
20-21 October 2016, Venice, Italy

Dear Mr Figel,

As Chairman of the European People's Party Group in the European Parliament, I have the pleasure to invite you as guest speaker to the 19th Annual EPP Group Dialogue with Churches and Religious Institutions, to be held on 20 and 21 October in Venice, Italy. The title of this year's conference is: "Building up Peace and Security for Europe and all its Neighbours".

The purpose of this high level conference is to allow politicians, Churches representatives, religious leaders as well as other guests to discuss major challenges that Europe and its neighbours are facing. It will also provide an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that cooperation between politicians and religious representatives is essential to the society.

I would be delighted if you could accept my invitation to attend the conference and address the public. I am convinced that your participation and special contribution would very much enrich the discussions. For your information, please find enclosed the draft programme of the event, a more detailed one will follow soon.

Yours faithfully,



Manfred Weber, MEP
Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament

