



Brussels, 13th April 2016,

Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete
Climate Action & Energy

Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete,

On behalf of the European Jewish Association, the European Jewish communities we represent, and the European Jewish Community Center, I would like to invite you to a memorial ceremony to honour the victims of the terror attacks of this past month in Brussels.

The event will be held from 13:30 to 14:30 on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at the European Jewish Building, Rue Froissart 109, 1040 Brussels, in the presence of survivors of the attack, and leaders from across the religious spectrum, such as [REDACTED] Islamic religion within Flemish education, and [REDACTED] of Commission of the Bishops' Conferences (COMECE).

It is with incomprehension, confusion and a sense of incredulity that people from all over the world gathered to mourn the victims of the terror attacks that happened at Zaventem airport and in the Brussels Metro. The attacks horrified the world, but also created a unity among people to show their indignation and repudiation of this inhuman terror.

This terror represents a fundamental misinterpretation of religion and must be tackled. We intend to discuss ways of doing this.

Your attendance - an act of solidarity with the families of the victims - will enhance and strengthen the message that European politicians, together with religious leaders, organisations and the civil society can unify and carry on the values that are so dear to us, as well as sending a strong message of our determination to fight against this dark and malignant terror.

Your presence would send a message of hope and faith in a world of tolerance where peace amongst all peoples is still possible.

Yours Sincerely,

