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We remain at your disposal for any questions you might have.

Kind regards,

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Dear , further to our previous exchange, I am pleased to send you the written contribution from European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.
Don't hesitate to be in touch if anything is unclear.

With my best wishes for the festive season,
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Mr. Jean-Claude JUNCKER
President of the European Commission

Brussels, 5th January 2016
Ref. nr. 1601102

Dear Mr. Juncker,

For many years already, the European Jewish Congress (EJC) has been organising Holocaust commemorative events either in Poland, the Czech Republic or at the European Parliament in Brussels, but always in collaboration with the President of the European Parliament.

As you may know, in 2012, the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Martin Schulz, decided that the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on the 27th of January would become an official commemoration ceremony included in the calendar of the Presidency of the European Parliament. This was an important step in enforcing the event as a fundamental part of European – not only Jewish – memory.

In 2016 the official commemoration ceremony will take place on the 27th of January in Brussels at the European Parliament in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall at 13h00.

The ceremony will be an essential opportunity for European leaders and participants not only to remember the lessons of history and the horrific experience of World War II, but also to reflect on the dramatic situation that Europe and other parts of the world are facing today.

Distinguished guests will attend the ceremony including EU leaders, commissioners, ministers, members of the European Parliament, ambassadors as well as Holocaust survivors.

I would be most honoured if you kindly would accept our invitation.

A detailed program of the event will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely yours,



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requests the pleasure of the company of

Mr. Jean-Claude JUNCKER

at a dinner on the occasion of the
30th Anniversary of the European Jewish Congress

on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7 30 PM
at the Steigenberger Hotel Ballroom BC
71 Avenue Louise 1050 Brussels

RSVP by 15th January 2016 to info@ejcbrussels.com



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Proposed Message by President Jean-Claude Juncker to the European Jewish Congress on the occasion of Holocaust Remembrance Day 2015, to be published in the leaflet of the event

Just a few weeks after Adolf Hitler came to power, the first state-organised attacks on opponents of the regime and on Jews were carried out across Germany. Less than two weeks later, Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp, was opened.

The fortified city of Terezín was transformed in 1941 into a ghetto whose inhabitants were destined to be transferred to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. Terezín served the Nazis as a perversely titled "model Jewish city" for propaganda purposes. The prisoners' determination to live, reflected by the cultural and educational activities in the ghetto amidst appalling circumstances, remains an impressive testimony to this day.

Today we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau as well as the many hundreds of camps created with the specific purpose of exterminating the Jewish people - a people that had enriched life in Europe for two millennia.

Europe has come a long way since those darkest of days. The creation of the European Communities was inspired by the deep conviction of the founding fathers whose cry was: Never again! Today, the European Union is an important guarantor for all citizens, including the Jewish people, fighting anti-Semitism wherever it rears its ugly head and promoting peace and tolerance among the peoples of Europe: A Union where we strive to ensure that Jews can live the lives they wish to live in security and contribute to the flourishing of our societies.

Against this backdrop of our commitment to the Jewish people of Europe, I have watched with growing unease the recent rise of anti-Semitic behaviour and statements in several European countries. Public incitement to violence or hatred, anti-Semitic hate speech and Holocaust denial must be strongly condemned. Such racism has no place in Europe; it is against our fundamental values and our firm conviction of the protection of minorities. The European Commission will be rigorous in ensuring that all citizens are protected by the fundamental rights of freedom of thought, conviction and religion.

It is a blessing to have some of the survivors of the Holocaust among us today. It shall be our firm resolve that Europe's next generations of politicians, teachers, and citizens, will continue to honour and remember their lives and those of the millions who perished at the hand of the Nazi regime. Remembrance of those who perished, ensuring proper education about the past and all that it means for us today will ensure that also those who come after us will understand to cherish the eternal values of liberty, tolerance and respect of humanity.