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Dear Ms Koenen,

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you in attachment a thank you letter addressed by COMECE [REDACTED] to First Vice-President Timmermans, in relation to the meeting of 24 April last with Cardinal Bassetti and the delegation which accompanied him.

We would be grateful if you could kindly bring it to Mr Timmermans' attention with our most cordial greetings and thanks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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Brussels, 2 May 2018

Bilateral meeting with His Eminence Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti

Dear First Vice-President,
Dear Mr Timmermans,

With the present letter I would like to thank you, personally and also on behalf of H. Em. Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti and of the delegation which accompanied him in his visit to Brussels, for your kind availability and personal involvement in the meeting of 24 April last. I would also like to express my gratitude for the Commission officers and staff who contributed to the good outcome of the meeting.

The meeting was particularly important in the current political context in Italy and in Europe. It also constituted an example of good practice of what the Catholic Church considers a cordial and fruitful bilateral Dialogue on the basis of Article 17(3) TFEU, with the possibility to exchange respective views: the possibility to focus on concrete topics and on practical aspects, also allowing the delegation to highlight a long-term perspective, was particularly appreciated.

Furthermore, the meeting provided Cardinal Bassetti and to the delegation who accompanied him with the opportunity to express the commitment of the Catholic Church in Italy for the European construction.

We hope that this initiative may be followed by further exchanges and occasions of dialogue, particularly with the involvement of [REDACTED] and representative of the Italian Bishops' Conference in it.

Please allow me to formulate my most cordial wishes for your important mission, while assuring you of the Cardinal's and of my personal prayers for you, for your family and for your mandate at the European Commission.

Kind regards,

