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Ms Marianne THYSSEN

Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

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Concern: Request for an appointment

Dear Madam the Commissioner,

I am writing to request an appointment with you for Dr Cesare Zucconi, Secretary-General of the Community of Sant'Egidio in Rome.

Your visit to the Community of Sant'Egidio in Antwerp in spring 2014 was met with great enthusiasm.

As you may know, the Community is an international movement headquartered in Rome and active in more than 70 countries worldwide. In Europe, Sant'Egidio is committed to solidarity with the most defenceless of the poor, lived as a voluntary and free service, in a dozen countries. It established among others after school services to support children from underprivileged neighbourhoods in their schoolwork, language classes to promote integration of adult migrants, soup kitchens to provide respect and dignity to the homeless in a friendly atmosphere. Volunteers visit the elderly at home or in institutions, creating intercultural and intergenerational bridges.

The emphasis you put on tackling social exclusion and poverty is particularly important in our eyes. Therefore we would be pleased if you would agree to meet Dr Zucconi and myself to discuss these issues that are of concern to us.

Please accept, Madam the Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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