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Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom
of religion or belief outside the European Union

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Dear President,

As you prepare to meet a delegation of H.E. Patriarchs from Syria next week, please find enclosed a joint letter signed by the major figures of the Middle Eastern Churches. In the midst of the ongoing crisis and violent atrocities that are affecting the whole region, this unified message manifests a strong political and human appeal to act.

Since the earliest days of the European integration, faith communities across our continent have illustrated how a willingness to believe and a dedication to care for others can enrich our lives and our societies. Today, it is our common responsibility to provide support and solidarity to those in need.

Your leadership over the years has projected a powerful vision for a more inclusive and peaceful tomorrow. Guided by your strong commitment to our future of greater compassion and respect of religious freedom in the world, I trust you will continue to foster policies that bring people of all faiths and beliefs together to realise peace, interfaith dialogue and reconciliation in the area.

Sincerely yours,

Jean-Claude JUNCKER
President of the European Commission