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Dear Véronique,

I have just returned from the USA and start work again next Monday. However, I have consulted colleagues and there are two matters we might wish to suggest:

The European Parliamentary elections in May and the subsequent forming of a new Commission. We could make a statement relating to the very necessary democratic renewal in Europe in the face of deep tensions and threats – a new beginning, etc.

29 May is UN Peacekeeping Day. Given CEC's own role as a bridge builder, the EU's self-understanding as a peace mission, and the frozen conflicts in Europe, a well-crafted statement regarding this day might be both worthwhile and apposite.

We are concerned that there is always a risk of issuing countless statements that no one really picks up on. So, the Governing Board needs to exercise some self-restraint and only issue a statement that says something important and is likely to be heard. First, we need to be clear about who the intended audience is: churches, the EU, media, or someone else?

I hope this helps.

Best wishes.

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Dear Governing Board,
Warm greetings from the General Secretariat of CEC. I am writing to you on behalf of Fr Heikki in preparation of the May meeting of the CEC Governing Board.

There are many pressing issues your churches or you as governing body may wish to address and we look forward to receiving your outline. To allow our team to prepare proposed public issues prior to the Board meeting, we kindly ask you to send them at your earliest convenience, but no later than **15 April 2017**.

With best wishes, on behalf of Fr Heikki,

Véronique

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