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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2018 concerning the latest developments within the Orthodox world and the process of granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

We are following developments in the Orthodox world closely and understand how complex the situation is. At the same time, this is a matter for internal decision within the Orthodox community according to its own rules.

It is our hope that all concerned keep the channels of dialogue open and avoid confrontation and that a constructive approach will be adopted when discussing the matter and settling differences.

The EU remains convinced that religious communities play an important role in dialogue and in resolving conflict situations.

Yours sincerely,



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