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To Mr. Roman Lunkin

Dear Colleague,

In 2021 Italy holds the Presidency of the G20. In the run up to the Leaders' Summit, which will be held in Rome, October 30-31, the Presidency will host several meetings featuring ministers, senior government officials, as well as civil society representatives.

One of these preparatory meetings will be that of the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20), the annual platform that brings together international scholars and opinion leaders, global interfaith activists, and religious leaders to contribute ideas and recommendations in response to global issues.

The Italian presidency of the G20 has agreed to engage actively in its program, with an opening speech by the President of the Republic on September 12.

Fscire (Fondazione per le scienze religiose) will be the key partner institution cooperating with the G20 Interfaith Forum Association in shaping the agenda of the Forum and convening the conference in Bologna, September 12-14.

Plans for the 2021 IF20 agenda hinge on two ideas: continuity in advancing priority action with a sharp focus on urgent matters, and efforts to enrich the agenda, through the host's and the IF20 Association's academic and cultural resources.

Under the overarching theme "A Time to Heal", which underscores the need for healing and for an increased understanding between religions, this year's conference will host plenary and ministerial sessions, roundtables, and workshops that will focus on priority issues, such as the role of religion in overcoming economic and gender inequality, facing the international COVID-19 crisis, sustaining the environment, fostering education, dialogue and mutual understanding between different cultures, and upholding human rights.

The ambitious objectives of this year's G20 Interfaith Forum are reflected in the attached concept note. The IF20 and Fscire would be honored if you would join us in Bologna and agree to contribute with your experience and wisdom to the activities of the Forum.

Our Secretariat (g20interfaith@fscire.it) is at your disposal for any question or need you might have and will follow up with you with more details about your participation over the next months.

Sincerely,

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