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ATTACHMENT

to the

**Joint Decision of the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

**on the participation of the European Union in various organisations for cooperation to
prevent and counter terrorism**

ATTACHMENT
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS



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1st February 2015

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Director Human Development and Migration
Brussels, Belgium

Mr. Stephan Auer
European External Action Service
Director Multilateral Relations and Global Issues
Brussels, Belgium

**SUBJECT: European Union Participation in the Hedayah Center of Excellence for
Countering Violent Extremism**

Esteemed colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the Hedayah Center for Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, established under UAE Federal Law No. 7(2013), has become operational. We understand that the activities of the Center contribute, among others, to the implementation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The main activities of the Center are the promotion of the evidence-based practice, research and the implementation of community engagement in relation to countering violent extremism.

I would like to invite the EU to participate in the work of this Center, taking into account, inter alia, the important role the EU plays in countering violent extremism.

In particular, I would like to propose the EU to become a full Member of the Steering Board of the Hedayah Center.

I look forward to close cooperation with the EU on these matters of increasing importance worldwide and look forward to a positive response to this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi
Chairman



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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**European Union Participation on the Board of the Hedayah Center of Excellence
for Countering Violent Extremism**

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2015, inviting the European Union to participate
in the Steering Board of the Hedayah Center.

We would like to inform you that the European Union will be represented by a
representative, either from the European External Action Service and/or from the
European Commission (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and
Development) depending on the agenda.

Thank you again for inviting the European Union to participate in your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Lotte Knudsen
Director

Stephan Auer
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29 January 2015

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Subject: European Union Participation in the International Governing Board of Administrators of the International Institute on Justice and the Rule of Law

I am pleased to inform you that the International Institute on Justice and the Rule of Law, established under Maltese law, has been established on 18 June 2014. We understand that the activities of the Institute contribute, among others, to the implementation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Institute serves as an international organisation dedicated to strengthening criminal justice and other rule of law institutions, regional justice and police cooperation, and regional criminal justice practitioner's networks to allow countries to provide justice, security, and liberty to their citizens. Work will be based on the respect of human rights and the rule of law, placing a particular focus on countries seeking to overturn repressive approaches to address security challenges such as terrorism and other transnational criminal activities.

I would like to invite the EU to participate in the work of this Institute, taking into account, inter alia, the important role the EU plays in countering terrorism and promoting the rule of law. In particular, I would like to propose the EU to become a Member of the Institute's Governing Board of Administrators, subject to its approval.

I look forward to close cooperation with the EU on these matters of increasing importance worldwide and look forward to a positive response to this invitation.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert R. Strang
Executive Secretary



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European Union Participation on the International Governing Board of Administrators of the International Institute on Justice and the Rule of Law

Thank you for your letter of 29 January, 2015, inviting the European Union to participate in International Governing Board of Administrators of the International Institute on Justice and the Rule of Law.

We would like to inform you that the European Union will be represented by a representative from the European External Action Service and/or from the European Commission (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development) depending on the agenda.

Thank you again for inviting the European Union to participate in your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Lotte Knudsen
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Dear Mesdames/Sirs

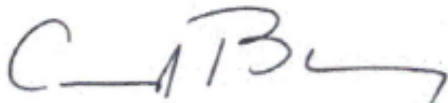
Re: European Union (EU) Participation in the Board of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund

I am pleased to inform you that the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), was established as a foundation under Swiss law on 9 September 2014. We understand that the activities of GCERF contribute, among others, to the implementation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy. A public-private partnership, GCERF was established to serve as the first global effort to support local, community-level initiatives aimed at strengthening resilience against violent extremist agendas. GCERF is committed to working in partnership and consultation with governments, civil society, and the private sector in beneficiary countries to support national strategies to address the local drivers of violent extremism.

I would like to invite the EU to participate in the work of GCERF, taking into account, *inter alia*, the important role the EU plays in countering violent extremism. In particular, I would like to propose that the EU join as a member of the GCERF Governing Board in a donor seat. The GCERF Board follows a constituency model similar to other funds dealing with issues of global concern.

I look forward to close cooperation with the EU on these matters of increasing importance worldwide and look forward to a positive response to this invitation.

Yours Sincerely,



Carol Bellamy
Chair



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**European Union (EU) Participation on the Board of the Global Community
Engagement and Resilience Fund**

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2015, inviting the European Union to participate in the Steering Board of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund.

We would like to inform you that the European Union will be represented by a representative from European Commission (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development) given its responsibility in the management of the Union's external cooperation programmes.

The European Commission may also be accompanied by a representative of the European External Action Service given its responsibilities, inter alia, in the overall coordination of the Union's external action and in ensuring the unity, consistency and effectiveness of the Union's external action.

Thank you again for inviting the European Union to participate in your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Lotte Knudsen
Director

Stephan Auer
Director