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Dear Colleague,

I would like to thank you for your interest concerning the International March of the Living next year in Poland.

Coming together at the occasion of the Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day in the very place where the Holocaust has revealed itself in its most cruel way, will prove a decisive joint political signal. As European Ministers of Education we herewith not only fulfil the obligation to commemorate the victims and to pay respect to their descendants: in dealing with the question of what we can learn from the darkest chapter of Europe's younger history and the Shoah, we fulfill an important educational responsibility to inspire young people to fight against indifference, xenophobia, racism, antisemitism and injustice.

Against this background I would like to invite you to encourage students from your country to join this important event together with thousands of young people from all over the world. Participants of the March of the Living are important ambassadors for freedom, tolerance and respect.

Please find enclosed as first information a tentative program of the event taking place in Cracow and at Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial, 23 to 25 April 2017.

For all details concerning your trip please contact  
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Additionally my Head of Department for Holocaust Education, Ms Martina Maschke ([martina.maschke@bmb.gv.at](mailto:martina.maschke@bmb.gv.at); T: +43 1 53120/2875) is at your disposal, should you also wish to contact my Ministry.

Looking forward to meeting you at the March of the Living 2017.

Enclosure

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'M' followed by a long horizontal stroke that ends in a small loop.