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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; 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.

PROGRAM

„March of the Living 2017“

23. – 25. April 2017

Sunday, 23 April 2017

Midday	Recommended arrival time for delegates in Cracow
	Collection of delegates from airport and transfer to hotel, check-in
15.00 – 16.30	Guided tour through the Jewish quarter of Cracow
18.00	Evening meal hosted by Oskar Deutsch, President of the Jewish Community of Vienna (IKG)
19.45	Departure for the Cracow Opera
20.00 – 22.00	Start of the VIP event – the opening of March of the Living in the Cracow Opera
22.00	Return to hotel

Monday, 24 April 2017

9.00 – 10.00	Joint breakfast of Education Ministers with their respective national student delegations
10.30	Departure for visit to the Auschwitz memorial and museum
11.00	Guided tour of the museum in Auschwitz with memorial service to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz
13.00	Lunch on the bus (sandwiches)
13.30	Meet up for the March of the Living
14.00	Start of the official march from the gates of Auschwitz to Birkenau, and visit to the Birkenau extermination camp
16.30	Ceremony in memory of the 6 million Jewish dead
17.30	After the official ceremony of remembrance in Birkenau, members of the delegation will be escorted by a MoRaH staff member to the place where survivor Marko Feingold will give the MoRaH participants an eye witness account. Federal Minister Sonja Hammerschmid and President Oskar Deutsch, amongst others, will also speak to the Austrian MoRaH participants.
18.30	Return to Cracow
20.00	Evening meal at the Sheraton Hotel hosted by Federal Minister Sonja Hammerschmid

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

Individual departures

