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**Ours prayers are with Barcelona**

## **DECLARATION OF THE IEE ON THE BARCELONA ATTACK ON 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**



The pain and horror overwhelm us as to the violence of the attacks in the heart of the city of Barcelona, taking away the life of more than a dozen of people and wounding at least half a hundred of people without sense.

We stand in solidarity with the families and with the city of Barcelona and we pray that this barbarism will not take away our principles solidarity and respect. We think of the many places in Europe and beyond European borders in many parts of the world, particularly among the most disadvantaged countries, where this kind of ruthless violence has already taken place and we think of the broken families.

Our prayer today is with the families of the victims and with all those affected by this criminal action, as well as with those who experienced closely this attack or are frightened by these actions. We also pray for the authorities and for those who have to face the worst face of violence, the health services and the police.

When such an attack occurs, it is the coexistence and dialogue between cultures, religions and countries, the hospitality, that are under attack.

We are with the city of Barcelona, Catalonia and the countries of origin of the victims who lost their lives in the city of Barcelona. We also pray for the family of the terrorist.

We persist to work for dialogue and in favor of the encounter of cultures as we refuse the the stigmatisation of specific religious groups. We will pray in our churches so that this violence does not drag us into a further cycle of violence and we will work for peace and justice without rest.

“In quietness and trust is your strength” (Isaiah 30:15)

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