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Dear friends,

Greetings from Greece.

Allow me once more to thank you for your invitation and effort to realize such an interesting and essential Congress. This is becoming more and more a remarkable event that should be sustained in time.

Keeping this in mind and also following up on our relevant conversation during the II International Women Congress in Barcelona, it is with great pleasure that I am able to confirm my full support in organizing the next congress in Thrace / Greece. I already had some encounters and exchanges on the issue with governmental officials here in Greece that have also extended their full support and collaboration.

Thrace is a highly symbolic place in Greece. It's also a very strategic place for the Greek state due to its multicultural status: Muslim minorities, "pomakoi", Roma, black people with African decent and others with Turkish origin live in Thrace. The area's Muslim minority is also represented in the Greek parliament. Most importantly, Thrace is the only place in Europe where provisions of Sharia law are still very much the norm among the above-mentioned populations. Evidently, women's place in the society is severely compromised while civil rights, freedom and equality simply do not exist. Consequently, I feel Thrace would be the most suitable place for discussions and reflections on identity and discrimination issues.

It would be truly important for me if you accept to cooperate on these issues as I firmly believe your presence and engagement would have the potential to open up new paths to women's emancipation and freedom.

Please let me know if the idea makes sense to you in order to follow up further.

Best,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Souleimán Sampihá'.

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