

General Secretariat

150 route de Ferney, PO Box 2100 CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland Phone: +41 22 791 6111 Fax: +41 22 791 0361 Email: infowcc@wcc-coe.org www.oikoumene.org

Direct phone: +41 22 791 6285 Direct e-mail: dcb@wcc-coe.org

Church of Greece His Beatitude Hieronymos II Archbishop of Athens and All Greece

Geneva, 31 July 2018

Sent by e-mail to: contact@ecclesia.gr

Your Beatitude,

"The Lord will give strength to his people, The Lord will bless his people with peace."—Psalm 28

I write to you, for myself and on behalf of all our WCC member churches, to offer our prayers and condolences to you and to all your compatriots after the tragic fires in the Attica region and the mounting death toll they have exacted. We have been deeply shocked and moved by this event.

The Greek people have suffered so much in recent years, and this particular event, with its many victims, and their families and communities, is especially distressing.

Our hearts go out to you in sympathy and solidarity, and we pray that the God of life will be with you, to comfort and console, to heal and help the many victims' families and all the people of Greece in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Prof. Dr Isabel Apawo Phiri Acting General Secretary World Council of Churches