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Your Eminence,
Dear Bishop Ayuso,

Greetings from the World Council of Churches.

It was with great joy that I received the news that you have been nominated by His Holiness Pope Francis to become a Cardinal. We lift our hearts in joy and thanksgiving on this day that the Lord has made. Even as you prepare to take up this calling may I greet you with the words of the Apostle Peter "May grace and peace be yours in abundance" (1 Peter 1:3).

We at the World Council of Churches consider this to be both a fitting recognition of your dedicated and distinguished work in the field of interreligious relations and also a welcome signal of how highly the work of PCID continues to be valued. It is always a great pleasure and extremely fruitful for my colleagues and myself here at WCC to work with you and your colleagues in PCID. We especially appreciate your commitment to fostering dialogue ecumenically, which has ensured that interreligious engagement remains an important aspect of ecumenical Christian witness in a multi-religious world. The need for more leaders who embrace with commitment their calling to be 'servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries' (1 Corinthians 4:1) cannot be underemphasised in our multi-religious world and our hearts go out in thanks to God as we remember and celebrate your many contributions to the field of interreligious engagement. We look forward very much to further collaboration during your tenure as President of the Council.

I send you our warmest congratulations and sincere prayers for God's blessing on your work.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary