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Ms Christine Shellska President Atheist Alliance International 1821 Jefferson Place NW USA - Washington DC 20036

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Dear Ms Shellska,

I am pleased to confirm that Atheist Alliance International has been granted participatory status with the Council of Europe as of 20 January 2018. We welcome the opportunity to work with your INGO and will be happy to facilitate its participation in the work of the Council of Europe and the Conference of INGOs.

I would like to draw your attention to our online database which contains the profiles of all the INGOs with participatory status. My colleague Ellsworth Camilleri will create a profile for your INGO but I would like to stress that it is the responsibility of the representative nominated by your INGO to complete or update the database. It is particularly important to keep your contact details up to date. Mr Camilleri will be in touch with you shortly with your login and password details.

Information on events and news from the Conference of INGOs is published regularly on the website (www.coe.int/ngo). The Conference has three thematic committees and several working groups and I would encourage you to contact the leadership of these committees to see how your INGO can get involved in their work.

I hope to meet you, or your representative, at the June session of the Conference of INGOs and remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Ann Hennessey Head of Division

cc. John Hamill