



# Special High-Level Meeting with Religious Leaders

Brussels, 19 December 2023  
Berlaymont Building – S11 meeting room

## **"The situation in the Middle East and its impact on the European Union"**

### **AGENDA**

**14:30**    **Arrival of participants** (*Berlaymont visitors' entrance*)

**15:00**    **Beginning of the meeting** (*Berlaymont – S11 room*)

Welcome address by Vice-President Margaritis Schinas

Statement by Sven Koopmans, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Statement by Frans van Daele, Special Envoy for the promotion of Freedom of religion or belief outside the EU

Open discussion on the following topics:

- 1) Situation in the Middle East from the point of view of Churches and religious communities
- 2) Impact on the European Union, in particular the rise in hatred and intolerance
- 3) Possible follow-up actions within the EU and in the Middle East

**17.00**    **End of meeting**