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Hon. Mister Founder, Hon. Mister Chairman,

It is a true honour and pleasure for me to inform you that the Municipal authorities of the City of Liège (Belgium) have decided, in June 2015, to recall the memory of Raoul Wallenberg by giving his name to a street situated on our territory.

The street carrying the name of the Swedish diplomate who has saved numerous innocent lives during the Holocaust is situated in a highly symbolic place, in the immediate neighbourhood of the « Bastion des Fusilés » at the Chartreuse.

Almost from the very start of the First World War, the « White Lady », a network of resistance fighters, was active in Liège. The Chartreuse was used by the German invaders as a prison for those who dared to resist. The condemned were transfered there before being executed. The youngest victim was but 18 years old.

Throughout both World Wars, Liège and its inhabitants have fought for freedom and tolerance. In memory of it, several important monuments have been erected in Liège: commemorating the First World War the « Bastion des Fusilés » and the « Allies' Memorial » and commemorating the Second World War the « National Monument honouring the Resistance » and the « Enclos national des Fusilés ».

Through a score of initiatives, we tend to raise awareness among the people and youngsters that the peace we are now enjoying for about 70 years is fragile and that all of us need to « resist » to dangers that might become a menace to today's democratic values.



Naming a street after Raoul Wallenberg is one more way to contibute to that daily challenge.

I do hope you will welcome our initiative to name a street after the great man that was M. Wallenberg and remain

Sincerely yours

Willy Demeyer

Member of the Belgian Parliament - Mayor of the City of Liège