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Message of the President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso, to the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation at the occasion of the conferral of the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Medal to H.E. Ms Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Prime Minister of Denmark

Dear Prime Minister, Ms Helle Thorning-Schmidt,

Dear Members of The International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation,

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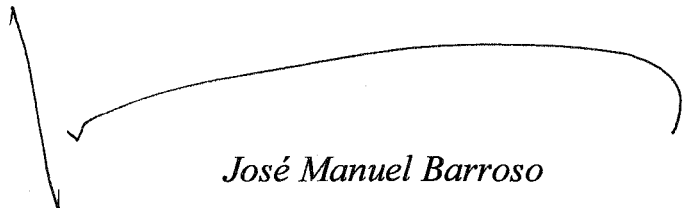
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Personally and on behalf of the European Commission, I want to sincerely congratulate Prime Minister Thorning-Schmidt for receiving the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Medal.

The conferral of such distinction is a strong gesture, full of meaning and high symbolism. Indeed, this Medal is a fine and worthy way to commemorate the valorous Danish rescuers who risked their lives in order to save their Jewish compatriots during the Second World War.

While today's ceremony evokes sorrowful memories of 70 years ago, it is also an opportunity to celebrate peace and to pay tribute to Denmark's firm historical commitment to the European values that we share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left that curves into a long, sweeping horizontal line on the right, ending in a small hook.

José Manuel Barroso