



16 November 2015

Luciano Lazzari, President  
Architects Council of Europe  
29 Rue Paul Emile Janson  
B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

Dear Luciano:

The horrors visited upon Paris are not likely to be the last assault on all we hold dear. Violence has always been a remorseless parasite feeding on the helpless and weak.

Our role in the face of such wanton savagery is clear: to shelter the human spirit so that it might flourish in peace and dignity.

As we mourn those whose lives have been cut short, and seek to console those who have lost friends and loved ones, we stand together united by our common commitment to serve. We are builders; we will prevail.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Elizabeth Chu Richter in black ink.

Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA  
2015 AIA President

Handwritten signature of Robert Ivy in black ink.

Robert Ivy, FAIA  
EVP/Chief Executive Officer

cc: Thomas V. Vonier, FAIA UIA Secretary General