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Greetings from the Bahá'í Community in Austria

Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Austrian Bahá'í-Community we would like to convey to the Summit of the Parliament of World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia in December 2009 our heartfelt greetings and wishes for a successful outcome.

From the very beginning, the Bahá'ís in Austria as the Bahá'í Community worldwide have felt united with the noble goals of the Parliament of World's Religions for the well-being of mankind and the establishment of Universal Peace. The endeavours of the Bahá'ís are to contribute to a sincere understanding and respect between the different religions. Bahá'ú'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, said: "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship."

The Bahá'ís in Austria are engaged in several interreligious projects within their country including such which contribute to environmental protection and to raising consciousness of responsibility for our world.

We are aware that fundamental changes in both human consciousness and human behaviour are required in order to realize these noble objectives. Religion has throughout the history of civilization demonstrated a unique power to tap the roots of human motivation and induce the changes required.

We are convinced that from this Summit of the Parliament of World's Religions a new spirit of understanding between the religions and awareness of the Unity of Mankind will arise. May the religions in the future work together more closely for the betterment of the world.

With high esteem and warmest greetings,

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