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Dear Rev. Lukas,

On behalf of the World Council of Churches I would like to express our profound sorrow to hear of the plane crash in Smolensk on Saturday in which ninety-seven people lost their lives. For Poland, the loss of the President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski, his wife, leading politicians, military leaders, well known personalities in the financial and cultural life of Poland, as well as clergy of different confessions is a very heavy burden.

We are also aware of the death of the those serving the Polish Ecumenical Council: Archbishop General of Brigade Dr. MIRON CHODAKOWSKI, Head of the Orthodox Chaplains in the Army of the Republic of Poland from the Polish Autocephalous Church in Poland and Oberst ADAM PILCH, Deputy of the Evangelical Bishop in the Polish Army, from the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland. Please accept our condolences at this heavy loss for the two member churches of your Ecumenical Council

We assure you that our fellowship of churches will mourn with you during these sad days, together with the people of Poland, and will pray for the healing of this deep loss for Poland and the entire world.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Georges Lemopoulos  
Deputy General Secretary