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## As-Salaamu 'alaykum,

Thank you again for your help with the EMU Meeting 2012 in Rotterdam.

In particular, the board meeting on Sunday showed that the EMU can not only bring together different generations and nationalities, but also a wealth of experience. I hope this event was also a further step towards the goal of establishing a European Foundation that shall enable our work to make further progress in the future, inshallah. EMU is the only organization in Europe that – in my opinion – calls the Muslims to cooperate actively in this way.

From my perspective the following aspects were particularly positive:

- The **willingness** of the 16 participants of the board meetings to participate actively, and the fact that with Sumaya Muhammad from Switzerland a coordinator for women has been found. At the same time, independent EMU groups have been established in the fields of media, youth exchanges and economics (Dinar and Dirham, Markets, Qirad).
- The first step towards the establishment of a **youth movement**, with new young members from Slovenia, Great Britain, Sweden, Spain and Germany has been made – inspired by the excellent presentation by Abdulhakim Anderson on Saturday and the intelligent contribution of Luqman Nieto in the board meeting on Sunday.
- The renewed **meeting** with the leading Muslims of Western Thrace, Kosovo, the Sanjak, Albania and Macedonia. All these participants have made invitations to specific events in their region. (The EMU Board also reviewed a proposal to establish a centre in Skopje).
- The **offer** of the University of Rotterdam to set up a contact office for the EMU in the building of the University, to organise other events especially for teenagers and to help strategically, for example, by also inviting the Turkish government to work together with us.
- The **opportunity** to advertise for new members and interested parties in Europe with professional video footage, interviews, and the subsequent documentation of events.

Especially important to me was to honour Professor Yalcintas – who has whole heartedly supported us all for many years – with this event which the Islamic University of Rotterdam has organised independently.

Thanks again to all the participants.

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