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To all Ministers of Home Affairs

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Subject: Invitation to visit the European Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre, 8 December 2025, Brussels

Dear Ministers,

I have the honour to invite you to visit the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) in Brussels on **8 December 2025**.

Operating 24/7, the ERCC plays a crucial role in coordinating disaster and crisis response in Europe and beyond. The visit will provide an opportunity to discover first-hand the ERCC's operational capabilities, including its situational awareness and coordination functions, and how it responds the latest and ongoing emergencies together with your national authorities.

The timing is particularly pertinent in the context of the discussions of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 8 December, as well as the ongoing legislative work to strengthen the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

It would be a pleasure to welcome you and your delegation to the ERCC premises (Rue Joseph II 79, 1000 Brussels) immediately following the conclusion of the JHA Council meeting on 8 December (exact timing will follow).

I would appreciate if you could please confirm your attendance by responding to this email at ECHO-CP@ec.europa.eu.

I look forward to welcoming you at the ERCC to exchange experiences and best practices on crisis management across the Union.

Yours sincerely,

Hadja Lahbib