



THE GREEK OMBUDSMAN  
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY

Athens, August 18, 2017

Mr. Rafael Ribó  
Sindic de Geuges de Catalunya

Dear Rafael,

I am truly shocked and appalled by yesterday's events in Las Ramblas and Cambrils. Such terrorist attacks, perpetrated against unsuspected citizens, tourists, even minors, are a stark, albeit dreadful reminder of the threat that radicalisation and fundamentalism pose to our social fabric, our well-being, our safety.

They shall not, however, succeed in their optimal objective, that of waiving our commitment to our common values, our respect for fundamental freedoms, our firm respect of the rule of law, our way of life.

Dear Rafael, I wish to express my wholehearted solidarity to the people of Catalunya, who, I am confident, will find the strength to boost their resolve against any threat to our core, common values.

My deep condolences to the victims. Our wishes go to those injured, for a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts are with you, the brave and proud Catalan people.

Sincerely,

Andreas I. Pottakis

