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Archbishop Dr Robert Zollitsch
President of the German Bishops' Conference

Welcome speech
on the occasion of the meeting between the Holy Father
and representatives of the Muslims in Germany
on 23 September 2011 in Berlin

Holy Father,
Your Eminences, Your Excellencies,
Representatives of the Muslims in Germany!

I am grateful that you, Holy Father, have made this meeting possible. The good co-existence between people who have different religious affiliations, the openness and frankness of the interfaith dialogue and the joint witness of Christians and Muslims for the values of justice and peace – these are goals to which you, Holy Father, are continuously committed as a theologian and Pope. And they are no less the goals pursued by the bishops and by the entire Catholic Church in Germany. In this spirit, we have come together this morning with you, dear representatives of the Muslims. I would like to thank all of you who have come to this meeting. I would like to wish us a fruitful time together which is watched over and fulfilled by the One God.

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