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Dr. Z. K. Matthews,
Gaberones,
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Dear Dr. Matthews,

I am writing to report to you progress that has been made in planning for the Hague Consultation following the meetings of the Executive Committee of C.C.I.A. and the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches.

May I say first of all that I informed the World Council Executive of my choice of a small advisory committee and that they received the information with approval. This Executive Committee also approved the draft terms of reference as they had been amended by my colleagues in C.C.I.A. and I enclose a copy for your information. We have also made progress on a draft agenda which is in its first and very preliminary form. I enclose a copy for your information and hope very much that if you have any criticisms or any additional proposals, you will send them to me as soon as possible.

With regard to the organisation of the Conference, I would like to suggest that we should invite Mr. Henry Makulu to be our Chairman and Mr. Max Kohnstamm of the Dutch Reformed Church to be our Vice-Chairman. Mr. Makulu was for some years an Assistant Director of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey and is presently Chairman of the Civil Service Commission of Zambia. He is also Chairman of the International Affairs Commission of the All Africa Church Conference. Again, I would appreciate your comments on these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eugene Carson Blake".

Eugene Carson Blake