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**His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo
Archbishop of Central America**

Your Eminence, dear brother in Christ,

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

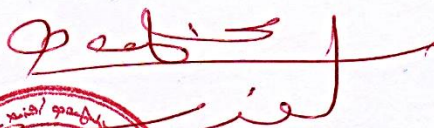

During a regular meeting of the General Secretariat of the Holy Synod held on Sunday August 6, 2017, we discussed, among other important matters, the concern you raised in your letter dated August 3rd, 2017 about the official title and status of the Archdiocese of Central America.

We then checked the archives of the correspondence of the Patriarchate and verified that the establishment of the esteemed Archdiocese was done under the name of "Archdiocese of Central America" and was made public through the apostolic encyclical No. EE 133/13 dated March 5, 2013.

We gladly affirm the apostolic encyclical No. EE 133/13 and recognize the Archdiocese of Central America as such and confirm the rights and privileges bestowed to the Archdiocese according to the constitution of the Church.

We ask you to convey this message to the clergy of the Archdiocese.

We extend our apostolic benedictions and fervent prayers to your Eminence, and through you to our beloved clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Central America. ܩܘܨܬܐ ܕܩܕܝܫܐ ܕܩܘܪܝܢܐ ܕܩܕܝܫܐ ܕܩܘܪܝܢܐ ܕܩܕܝܫܐ

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