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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: Request for extension of time to file response to petition for a writ of certiorari
Erik Blecher, et al. v. The Holy See, No. 25-661

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for respondent Holy See in this matter. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, respondent respectfully requests an extension of time within which to file a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari.

The petition in this case was filed on December 3, 2025, and placed on the Court's docket on December 8, 2025. A response is currently due on January 7, 2026. Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, which would move the due date to February 6, 2026.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time to file a brief in opposition. An extension is justified based on the complexity of issues, the need to consult with an overseas foreign sovereign client, and the fact that the current deadline falls during the year-end holiday period.

Plaintiffs have no objection to the requested extension.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing, the Holy See respectfully requests an extension of time of thirty (30) days, or until February 6, 2026, to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

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