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### **The Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center**

The Embassy of Belgium commends the initiative to establish a 9/11 Pentagon Visitor Education Center, a place that will both honor the victims of a heinous terrorist attack and help the next generation interpret that tragic event in a way that is inspiring and meaningful.

A fitting complement to the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, the Education Center promises to be a valuable resource that will encourage reflection on complex political and moral issues that concern us all, regardless of nationality, culture or religion.

There are lessons to be learned from the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon: awareness of the suffering that terrorism inflicts on society, compassion for all victims of terrorism, appreciation for tolerance and understanding. The Education Center seems poised to impart these lessons and ultimately to enrich our understanding of history.

We hope the 9/11 Pentagon Visitor Education Center will come into being and wish it every success in accomplishing its laudable mission.

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