Dear Sir or Madam,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Comité Régional Olympique et sportif de la Côte d’Azur (Olympic and Sportive Regional Committee of Côte d’Azur) to send you an invitation about our famous sport event of the French Penal System called « Jeux Pénitentiaires 2018 » (Penal Games 2018).

As you may already know, the last edition of our event was cancelled after the terrorist attacks happened in Nice last summer. However we are more motivated than ever and we think that our event has even more sense in the situation we are going through nowadays.

The “Jeux Pénitentiaires 2018” who will take place in Côte d’Azur (Saint-Raphaël) will allow detainees involved in a social rehabilitation project, where physical activity has an important part, to prepare their return in the civil society. To lead this project successfully, the OSRC (Olympic and Sportive Regional Committee) Côte d’Azur will be supported by all the Leagues and Committees form the French Riviera territory. The co-founder of the event, the French Penal Administration Directory will use his decentralized departments such as interregional organizations, the penal establishments and their partners’ network to whom they will delegate some responsibilities in the organization of the project.

The detainees who will subscribe to this event will have to obtain the permission of judges in order to go out from the prison, to participate to the competition. The “Jeux Pénitentiaires 2018”, experimented in 2012 and 2014 by the Olympic and Sportive Regional Committee of Côte d’Azur in collaboration with the French Penal Administration Directory, will gather on a single week, competitions and sport activities (initiations to new sport disciplines) as well as an employment forum (so that it will facilitate the professional rehabilitation of detainees).

In order to develop this event and to extend it to the European scale, we thought that it would be smart to welcome some new delegations (of maximum 3 persons) from different prisons throughout the continent. That is the reason why, it would be a real honor for us to have you by our side. You will only have to spend money on your transport to join us, anything else (food, hotel, accommodation) will be handled by our services.

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Our objective, as well, would be to gather as much information as possible about what you can already do in terms of sport for the detainees throughout your own country. We truly believe that we have a lot to learn from each other and we are eager to collaborate with you in potential future projects.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Best regards,

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