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Mr. George Bedzhamov
President
Bobsleigh Federation of Russia
Moscow - Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Bedzhamov,

Dear friend,

As President and Founder of 'Peace and Sport, L'Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport', I was honoured to welcome you to the 6th edition of the Peace and Sport International Forum that took place in Sochi, Russian Federation, from 31st October to 2nd November under the High Patronage of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Hosted for the first time outside Monaco, this year's edition of the Peace and Sport International Forum heralded the start of a new, more global era for our movement. The event was attended by over 800 high-profile opinion leaders from politics, world sport governance and civil society who showed great enthusiasm in debates. I want to thank you for personally contributing to this great success. Your commitment to the peace through sport community, your motivation to give some of your time and to share your expertise played a key role in delivering a remarkable event.

Organized thousands of miles away from Peace and Sport's anchor in the Principality of Monaco, the Sochi Forum reinforced our commitment to hold future events abroad. The Peace and Sport International Forum will from now on be hosted outside Monaco every second year and I am pleased to confirm that Peace and Sport will organize its first Regional Forum in Dubai in April 2013 focussing on issues in the Middle East.

Taking our debates to Sochi helped our message to be spread further afield. But our organization's growing and deepening international role cannot be taken for granted in today's increasingly sensitive geopolitical context and there are still many decision-makers to convince. We are more than ever determined to push the boundaries and discover new horizons, and set ourselves more ambitious goals in order to establish sport as a major driving force for sustainable peace.

We will soon send you a complete report of the Peace and Sport International Forum 2012 to provide you with a condensed record of all the discussions that took place, and the resulting recommendations.

I warmly thank you for your committed support and I hope that I can count on your presence at the 7th edition of the Peace and Sport International Forum to be held from 6th - 8th November in the Principality of Monaco.

Yours sincerely,

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