Minister of Arts and Culture of the Republic of South Africa

Mr. Paul Mashatile

Dear Mr. Mashatile,

We have found out from the websites www.delphic.org and www.suedafrika.org that the Forth Youth Delphic Games is being planned to take place in the Republic of South Africa, on November 14-20, 2011. We consider it necessary to express our deep concern of this fact to the state authorities of the Republic of South Africa in your person and to inform you on unconscientious practice of business conduct carried out by Mr. Christian Kirsch and the International Delphic Council headed by him, as well as the real state of affairs in the International Delphic Movement.

The Delphic Games are the Higher Forum for Art, complex competitions which at present moment combine 42 classical, folk and contemporary nominations. The Games started officially in Greece in 582 B.C. Together with the Olympic the Delphic Games (called the Pythian before) were forbidden more than 1600 years ago and reappeared only at the beginning of the 20th century: the Delphic Festival was held in Greece in 1927 - 1930, it became the complete analog of the ancient Pythian Games. However, because of the Second World War the Higher Forum for Art was suspended.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kirsch thoroughly suppresses the fact of reappearance of the Delphic Games by Greece ascribing this achievement to himself (copy of the extract from the International Delphic Council’s Charter is enclosed). Moreover, he conceals and does not admit the real history of development of the Delphic Games of the present and makes unsuccessful attempts to hold events that in no case could be called the Delphic Games.

In reality the international organization which actually holds the Delphic Games and develops the Higher Forum for Art of the ancient Greece is the International Delphic Committee (the headquarters is located in Moscow), which activity is supported by UNESCO, the Council of Europe, heads of countries (copies of letters are attached). At
The letter similar to this was sent to the Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa to the Russian Federation Mr. Mandisi Mpahlwa.

At the same time the International Delphic Committee is ready to forward you additional materials to study the real state of affairs in the International Delphic Movement, to provide you with well-tested mechanism of the Games organization and will be glad to cooperate in the development of the Delphic idea, preparing and holding the Delphic Games.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Zanxolo Wayile

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As to the First World Delphic Games of the present, they were held by the National Delphic Council of Russia (NDC Russia) in 2000 in Moscow with the participation of 27 countries. 938 people took part in 18 nominations and the jury consisted of representatives of 13 countries. Due to the fact that Mr. Christian Kirsch did not fulfill the taken upon himself obligations in regards to these Games, NDC Russia was forced to solve all technical and financial matters on its own.

The Second World Delphic Games that took part in 2008 and were held in 19 nominations, gathered 1167 participants from 61 countries of the 5 continents; the jury consisted of famous workers of art from 21 states (copies of goodwill letters are attached). Nowadays the International Delphic Committee is carrying out preparation of the Third World Delphic Games 2012, the holding of which is supported by UNESCO.

We also consider it necessary to inform you that the International Delphic Committee and its bodies were forced to stop all business relations with Christian Kirsch starting from November 25, 2004 due to the following reasons:
- repeated decisions of Mr. Kirsch to hold the Delphic Games and irresponsible cancellation of the Games on the last preparation stage;
- incompetent recordkeeping;
- falsification of the fact of holding the Second Youth Delphic Games in Dusseldorf (Germany) in 2003;
- joining and fast cancellation of membership in the International Delphic Council of considerable quantity of National Delphic Councils (over 10) after revealing the practice of incorrect work in the organization;
- carrying out registration of trade marks on him personally in number of countries not taking into account the interests of the International Delphic Movement, National Delphic Organizations and business partners.

In connection with the abovementioned we consider it necessary to warn you against holding the Delphic Games in the Republic of South Africa together with Mr. Christian Kirsch and the International Delphic Council headed by him. Organization of the event may lead to improper expenditure of the budgetary funds, and the done work and spent efforts of the state authorities would lead to the results that would not only be included in the history of the Delphic Games, but could also harm the development of the international culture. The Games that were earlier being prepared by Mr. Kirsch were boycotted by the state authorities of Malaysia (2005) and canceled in the Republic of South Africa (2007).
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Brenda Sisane  

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