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**The Assistant Director-General for
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Dear Messrs. Jarillon and Sibaud,

Thank you for your letter of 4 June in which you invite Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO, to visit the third Libre Software Meeting near Bordeaux (France) for the purpose of offering UNESCO a set of Free Software packages that represent some of your community's works.

UNESCO has always supported the extension and dissemination of human knowledge and recognizes that, in the domain of software, Free Software disseminates human knowledge in a way that proprietary software cannot do. UNESCO recognizes also that the development of Free Software encourages solidarity, collaboration and voluntary community work amongst programmers and computer users.

UNESCO is very grateful for your community's work and would be honoured to receive the Free Software packages that you propose. You may be assured that UNESCO will take care of these software packages, making them available on the UNESCO Free Software portal so that every human being will be able to download these software packages, use them, and make them evolve without constraints.

Due to prior engagements, I regret to inform you that the Director General of UNESCO will not be able to visit the third Libre Software Meeting to receive the software packages developed by your community. We therefore suggest that either you contact Mr Philippe Quéau, Director, Information Society Division, or send the software packages directly to him and he will take the appropriate action.

We wish you every success for the Libre Software Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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