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**Invitation to attend meeting in Latvia**

The State Probation Service of Latvia (SPS) sincerely appreciates the long-standing and close cooperation with the Estonian Prison and Probation Service. We have an interest to strengthen further our mutual support and expand cooperation activities.

With strong motivation to contribute to the global probation community, after careful consideration SPS has expressed an interest to organize the Congress in 2028. The Directorate General of Corrections of Indonesia (organisers of the Congress in 2026) with letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 responded with approval and promised to officially endorse and support our candidacy (see attached). Therefore, during January 2026 we would like to convene a meeting in Riga, Latvia, with main stakeholders with whom we would like to establish very close and supportive cooperation relationships for organising the Congress in 2028:

- Penal Reform International;
- Confederation of European Probation (CEP);
- Reclassering Nederland;
- Lithuanian Probation Service;
- Estonian Prison and Probation Service;
- Professor Fergus McNeil, University of Glasgow.

During this meeting we will present our vision and ideas regarding conceptual framework of the Congress in 2028, process of organisation, potential division of labour between various stakeholders, draft budget, time schedule, core administrative team etc. We would like to discuss all that with invited parties, to receive feedback and to agree on future activities for engagement of important stakeholders into process of organising this event.

The meeting will take place over two days with two overnight stays, and we kindly ask you to inform us **until 31<sup>st</sup> October** about **all** available days (2-3 consecutive days) **in January 2026** by sending an email to the Project Manager of SPS **Olga Baltmane** ([olga.baltmane@vpd.gov.lv](mailto:olga.baltmane@vpd.gov.lv)).

During the first week of November we will choose the dates of this meeting in January by considering information received from invited parties. If there will be no dates in January when all parties are available, we will repeat this exercise in order to find suitable dates in February.

We believe this gathering will lay the foundation for the Congress in 2028. We look forward to working closely with you in this process and to warmly welcoming you to Riga.

Respectfully,

**Imants Jurevičius**

Head of the State Probation Service of Latvia

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