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Dear Mr. Yevhen Pikalov,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for our recent visit to Ukraine from November 25th to November 30th, 2024. During this visit, we had the opportunity to further strengthen our partnership. The warmth and professionalism of your colleagues were key to the success of our visit, and we are deeply thankful for their support.

The training and exchange program implemented this year, supported by ESTDEV funding, have received positive feedback. Ukrainian officers have highlighted the practical value of learning dynamic security principles, motivational interviewing techniques, and crisis management. The practical training in Estonian prisons and the theoretical courses at the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences were valuable for them.

On the basis of this year successful collaboration and exchange project, we see significant potential for the joint future activities. We are ready and committed to continue supporting the Ukrainian Penitentiary Service by offering relevant training programs in Estonia and implementing other supportive activities. Thus said, it requires also a very good and precise understanding of the cooperation framework and deliverables from both sides.

Therefore, I am delighted to invite you to Estonia to show our practice and reformation process of the Prison and Probation Service. We would be pleased to cover the travel and accommodation expenses for your stay. Please let me know about your availability. We can work out the finer details once we receive a positive response to this proposal.

Our contact for preparing you visit to Estonia is Ms. Meribel Moldau (<a href="mailto:meribel.moldau@just.ee">meribel.moldau@just.ee</a>) and we would appreciate if you could name a contact person from your office for further enhancement of our cooperation.

Thank you once again and we look forward to further strengthening our partnership.

Yours sincerely.

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