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**Proposal for Negotiations with the Netherlands
on the Rental of Prison Spaces**

Dear Ms Coenradie,

Dear Ingrid,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the cooperation we have had. It has been an enriching experience to learn more about your prison system, and we sincerely value your openness and willingness to engage in meaningful discussions.

I am pleased to inform you that on March 13, 2025, the Government of the Republic of Estonia granted a mandate to the Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of Estonia to initiate negotiations for the rental of available prison spaces. Considering this, we would like to make a formal proposal to the Netherlands to start negotiations on the rental of vacant prison spaces in Estonia.

Should you be interested in proceeding with the negotiations, we suggest that further discussions could be conducted at the working group level to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

Given the previous exchange of information and mutual interest, we could set a target of concluding an intergovernmental agreement by the beginning of summer.

The agreement itself would be based on the legal aspects outlined during the meeting held in The Hague on February 3, 2025. We believe that this foundation will provide a solid legal framework for the cooperation between our respective authorities.

We would appreciate your feedback on the feasibility of this proposal.

Looking forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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