REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Mignot
Ambassador
Embassy of France in Estonia

Yours: 14.11.2025 No

Ours: 25.11.2025 No 9-7/1231-1

Reply: COP 20 CITES Meeting

Dear Ambassador Mignot,

Thank you very much for your message and for forwarding the letter from Minister Rachida Dati raising the issue concerning Paubrasilia wood. We would like to assure you that the Ministry of Culture of Estonia contacted immediately, on the day of receiving your message on 14 November, the Ministry of Climate of who is responsible for CITES in Estonia and who will be present at the meeting in Samarkand. In turn, the Ministry of Climate informed the Ministry of Culture that a common position has been adopted by the EU which acknowledges the need for strengthening the conservation efforts of Paubrasilia, while recognizing the importance of Paubrasilia for musical instruments, as also mentioned in the letter of Minister Dati.

Secondly, thank you very much for this kind invitation to lunch to discuss the excellent Estonian-French cultural cooperation and how to further develop it. I would be delighted to accept. Could either 15 December from 12:00 to 13:00, or 17 December from 12:00 to 13:00, be a suitable time for you?

Yours sincerely,

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