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To the kind attention of
Her Excellency
the Ambassador of Ghana
and Permanent Representative to FAO,
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OBJECT: Communication related to the "Europe Africa Play together!", 12th June, Reggio Emilia

Her Excellency Ambassador,

through this letter I have the pleasure to inform you that the city of Reggio Emilia wishes to renovate the commitment towards the African continent and its people, through a set of cultural events and activities implemented in the spring summer 2010. Indeed it is the city's aim to promote events illustrating and testifying to our community the existing relevant connections our city has with Africa.

In particular, on the evening of 12th of June, within the programme of the festival Soli Deo Gloria, the city will host the sacred African music concert titled "Europe Africa - Play together!", organized in collaboration with the Gospel Choir "More Than Conqueros" - Association "Youth for an aim".

The project "Europe Africa. Play together!" is a coproduction by the Foundation for World Wide Cooperation (president Mr Romano Prodi) and Soli Deo Gloria, promoted by the Department for Culture of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Only yesterday have we been informed that the concert will be introduced at the presence of President Romano Prodi, who will intervene also after the performance to a local debate discussing the connections between Europe and Africa, with the Mayor of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Mr Graziano Delrio, and the Deputy Mayor for Culture and University, Mr. Giovanni Catellani.

The definition of this last part of the programme has been designed in order to benefit of the presence of Mr. Prodi in Reggio and has been arranged in the past few days, finally confirmed yesterday. For this reason are we sending to Her Excellency this information with such a delay, nevertheless in case Her Excellency the Ambassador wishes to join the debate we will be delighted to consider her as our guest and as a keynote speaker of the event.

The project aims to create connections and links between the foreign communities living in Reggio Emilia and the inhabitants through music, starting from a collaboration based on the idea of dialogue and exchange. In particular, the project foresees performances offered by the immigrant community musical ensemble and by the Capella Regiensis musical ensemble (Musical Cappella Musicale from Reggio Emilia- vocal and instrumental ensemble, presenting a Baroque repertoire ranging from Bach and repertory), in a process of connection and links between the cultural realities of today and the traditional cultural musical heritage of our territory.

Hoping that you will find these events interesting and that you will have the opportunity to collaborate with our city in the process of linking Europe to Africa , once again we apologize for the great delay in sending the communication and we thank you in advance for your kindest attention.

Best regards

Graziano Delrio
Sindaco di Reggio Emilia



INDICATIVE DRAFT PROGRAMME

"A person is a person because he recognizes others as persons"

Saturday 12th June 2010

Reggio Emilia, San Filippo Neri Church, San Filippo street, 16

h. 9.00 pm

Europe Africa Play Together

*Nzuko di Igbo, Chorus and percussion
Monica Piccinin, soprano
Capella Regiensis, Instrumental Ensemble*

Introduction by President Romano Prodi

Sacred Music from: Nigerian tradition, J.S Bach, E.Cavazzoni

In collaboration with "More than Conquerors" Gospel Choir from "Youth Association for an aim"

*Co-production by the "Foundation for the world wide collaboration"
(President Mr. Romano Prodi) and "Soli Deo Gloria"*

Following the concert, will be held a dialogue among:
President of the Foundation, Mr Romano Prodi
Mayor of the Municipalità of Reggio Emilia, Mr Graziano Delrio
Deputy Mayor for Culture and University, Mr Giovanni Castellani