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Date
Subject

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Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) World Dog Show 2018

Dear Mr. Doedijns,

The Municipality of Amsterdam has learned that the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) World Dog Show may possibly be held in Amsterdam in 2018.

The year 2018 is not as far away as one might think, and a decision on its venues has to be made in the near future. Undoubtedly, there will be other cities in the world vying to hold such a prestigious event and to greet the distinguished delegates. Nonetheless, in order to host a conference of this size and importance efficiently and with style, a city must have convention facilities of the highest possible standard and the services must be based on long and sound experience.

I do not think I am exaggerating if I say that Amsterdam complies with these conditions in every respect. The city is located in the immediate vicinity of Schiphol International Airport, which ranks very high on the international travellers' list of preferred airports and is considered the gateway to Europe. The city's largest convention centre - The Amsterdam RAI Centre - has the staff and the facilities to meet all demands of successful international conferences (of which over 1,000 have been held in the last 25 years) and is directly linked to Schiphol International Airport by a fast and frequent rail service. Hotel accommodation in all price categories is excellent and all situated in the city itself.

You can easily reach the City Hall by metro or tram (numbers 9 and 14), station Waterlooplein

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Last but certainly not least, the city has been characterised over the centuries by its open mind and its flexibility. It is the capital of a country which cherishes a long tradition of freedom of expression and adopts a relatively neutral position in international politics. A tradition that will not change.

It goes without saying that you may count on the full support of our city officials if you need any further assistance or information.

Yours faithfully,

E.E. van der Laan