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Mr. Roelof Van Ark
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Dear Mr. Van Ark,

I thank you for your letter dated September 1, 2010 requesting whether relevant partners in Belgium, particularly TUC-Rail of the Belgian Railways group, could conduct a "Peer Review" of the CHSRA's Operations and Maintenance concepts and procedures, in the context of the Cooperation Agreement between the California High Speed Rail Authority and the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on the exchange of information relative to High Speed Rail.

It is with pleasure that I can confirm that TUC-Rail has agreed in principle to conduct this review. Before taking a final decision, however, TUC-Rail would like to have a better understanding of the documentation to be reviewed. The company needs to evaluate the exact nature and extent of the work, so as to make sure that the right expertise can be made available in the group and within the proposed time framework (end of November). TUC-Rail wants to make sure that it meets scrupulously and professionally any commitment it makes.

Would it be possible to view the material, which you plan to provide at the end of September, before a final decision is made? Of course all submitted documentation will be treated with the necessary confidentiality and will be looked at by the relevant experts only. A final response would reach you as soon as possible, within days after receipt of the documentation.

I am looking forward to your reaction and to the continuing and developing cooperation between Belgium and the CHSRA.

Sincerely,

Geert Criel
Consul General