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Mr Jean-Claude Gaudin
Mayor of Marseille

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Dear Mr Jean-Claude Gaudin,

I am writing to you to extend my most sincere greetings from the city of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, brought to you by the crew of the yacht *Gold of Lithuania*.

The crew, entitled the *Lithuanian Argonauts*, is sailing along the Mediterranean coast with a historic mission to establish and enhance the cultural and economic cooperation with the cities along their way. The *Argonauts* are particularly interested in visiting the ports that have already had such ties with Lithuania during the course of history.

For Lithuania, this year is exceptional as we will host the European Basketball Championship 2011 in September. This is the second time Lithuania hosts the Eurobasket, and the first since the restoration of its independence in 1990. Lithuania is the smallest country to host the Eurobasket following Belgium, which hosted it in 1977. The yacht *Gold of Lithuania* is an official ambassador of the Championship in the Mediterranean coast.

The mission is being carried out by Junior Chamber International (JCI) in Vilnius – an organisation of young professionals and entrepreneurs, aiming at the advancement of the global community and creating positive change. The young entrepreneurs from Vilnius are willing to start cooperation with your city.

As Mayor of Vilnius, I kindly ask you to support the mission of the *Gold of Lithuania* and to welcome its crew to your port. The *Lithuanian Argonauts* would like to greet your city by flying the Lithuanian flag and by presenting you with a gift from the Amber coast. I hope that their visit will be a stimulus to start mutually beneficial cultural and economic exchange projects in the nearest future.

The *Gold of Lithuania* plans to reach Marseille on the 1st of July, 2011.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding and to wish good luck to the crew of the *Gold of Lithuania* on their way to your shores.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Alekna'.

Raimundas Alekna
Mayor of Vilnius

