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Dear Mr. Bouman,

It was nice to again meet with you in person and visit your First Nations "Friends United" Convention Centre.

I have to admit that the information I got from former Honorary Consul Anthony Chapman and the present Honorary Consul Suzanne Rix was not exaggerated. I have never seen so many First Nations art pieces in such a spiritual and well displayed environment. It is not just the incredible craftsmanship of the unique art being exhibited, but also the sheer amount of paintings, totem poles, carvings, sculptures and baskets from the Atlantic Coast and many other areas of Canada. You have truly helped in making Canada's First Nations cultural ambassadors for North America.

My wife and I were not only impressed by the artwork, but also by your unique approach to help Canada's First Nations. I am glad to see that many First Nations family are now doing better and that you have developed together with them a long term plan for their future.

After seeing what the Friend United project is all about, I do understand why Nova Scotia Premier Darrel Dexter had written to German Chancellor Merkel and Federal President Gauck in order to show his appreciation for the Friend United project and make the German Government aware of it. Your Friends United project has not only been building bridges of friendship and mutual understanding in North America, but also between North America and Europe and beyond.



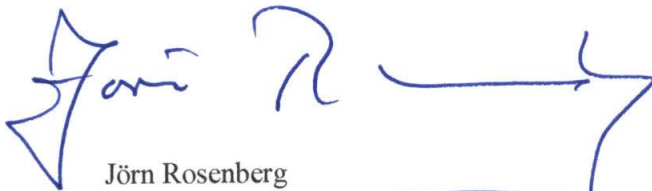
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I am looking forward to staying in touch with you in order to follow the progress and learn more of your future visions. I would like to thank you for your work in both personally as well as my current function as Deputy German Ambassador , because I truly believe that you have been bringing people together from all across the world to celebrate Canadian and especially First Nations culture and thereby have been promoting friendship mutual understanding and acceptance of all peoples and messages of peace.

I wish you well for your future endeavours and I am looking forward to meeting you again. I certainly will recommend to anybody to visit your First Nation Centre. My sincere congratulations again, especially to the the exhibited artists Jay Bell Redbird, Loretta Gould, Shianne Gould, Amanda Julian, Darren Julian, Jason Adair, Shaun Hedican, Lorne Julien, Jasyn Lucas, Fancy PeterPaul, Chelsea Brooks and David Maracle. We also loved your personal art collaboration between you and Jay Bell Redbird and between Jay Bell Redbird and Halina Stopyra. Many thanks again

Looking forward to meeting with you again soon,

I remain truly yours



Jörn Rosenberg