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Dear Mrs. Aurelie Thomasson and Mr. Francis Staub,

The CMAS (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques / World Underwater Federation) want to apply for becoming a recognized partner of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).

CMAS was founded in 1959 and by now it comprises over 130 federations from 5 continents. In addition to organizing international underwater sport events it is at the forefront of technical and scientific research and development. It can be associated with elaborating one of the oldest and most extensive dive training systems.

The main task of the CMAS Scientific & Sustainability Committee (SC) is to bring into focus the important issues related to the freshwater and marine underwater world. Our 24 honorary scientists from 16 countries in the CMAS Scientific & Sustainability Committee take care of all subjects, like „Respect for Environment and Cultural Heritage“, „Quality Training“, „Respecting Rules“, „Encouraging Sustainable Dive Tourism“, „Commitment to Active Protection“, „Being prepared not to dive at all“ and „Responsibility for Others“. The committed teamwork of these departments assures a permanent flow of current information and scientific knowledge.

CMAS is still a member of the UNESCO UNITWIN Network for Underwater Archaeology and we work closely with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) and UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001). CMAS was accredited by UNESCO as an NGO partner.

With our national CMAS federations and their divers we have a way of reaching a lot of people to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world. As an international organization, we want to fulfill our responsibility to the environment, and therefore we want to become an ICRI member.

Yours sincerely,

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