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Concerning Annual Report 2016 Netherlands Gaming Authority

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Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report 2016 of the Netherlands Gaming Authority.

In 2016, we have pursued our mission to effectively safeguard a safe and fair gambling market in which people can participate and gambling addiction is prevented. We strived for clear regulation, reducing illegal and criminal forms of gambling. And we have protected consumers against misleading advertising and gambling addiction. Together with our stakeholders, we have achieved many of our goals and ensured a safe and reliable gaming environment for consumers.

In 2016 we took several domestic enforcement actions. We removed dozens of illegal gambling apps and in the fight against betting terminals we closed several betting shops. In addition, we worked with other regulators, national and local governments, public prosecutors and the police against fraud, money laundering and other criminal activities.

Internationally, we took additional measures in combatting illegal activities. We have invested a lot of time and effort in international cooperation and development of practical knowledge and skills. We have strengthened our relations with our fellow-regulators and focused on the collection of cross-border fines, combating illegal offerings and sharing of knowledge. In addition, parliament called upon the Netherlands Gaming Authority to establish the Sports Betting Intelligence Unit, that will contribute to the international fight against gambling related match fixing. The enclosed annual report 2016 gives further details on these and other achievements.

I am looking forward to continue and enhance our international cooperation, keeping in mind the goal we are striving for: a safe and fair gambling market in which people can participate and gambling addiction is prevented.

The annual report is also available on the website of the Netherlands Gaming Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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