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Presentation of the 1st Dresden Dice Game “Bridge or Tunnel ? – that is the Question”

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Francesco Bandarin,

On behalf of the ALG Dresden, the Agentur für L(i)ebenswerte Globalisierung Dresden (Agency for Lovable and Livable Globalisation), I am happy to present you the 1st Dresden Dice Game entitled “*Bridge or Tunnel ? – that is the Question*”. This idea or rather its materialisation tries to reduce the emotional heartache and the mental headaches among the various parties and groups in the city of Dresden.

Thus, the ALG Dresden chose the idea of a dice game in order to bring some relief to the city and transform opponents into friends, so to speak. It was the well-known German poet and writer Friedrich Schiller who once uttered the words: “*Man only plays when in the full meaning of the word he is a man, and he is only completely a man when he plays.*” With this approach, the game already started to become a somehow well-known thing among Dresden’s population.

So far the game can be download *for free* from the internet (www.alg-dresden.de/dresdenspiel) since we do not intend to make profit out of the conflict. Plans to commercialize it have been cancelled on the way but the idea arose to let it get commercialized by the City of Dresden itself. The profits shall only be spent on socio-cultural projects with children since they will be the ones who have to protect any cultural heritage. Respective suggestions for a dialogue and negotiations with the Mayor of Dresden, Mrs. Helma Orosz, have started and we are hoping to find open minds and open hearts.

Due to a lack of time we can offer you and the UNESCO Committee only a German version but we are hoping that you may have some assistants who may translate the respective texts and words. If you wish we would be also happy to produce an English version; also in order to show that Dresden deserves the self-chosen title “Weltstadt” (cosmopolitan city).

We would be happy about a feedback from you and/or the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Winkler

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