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**THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION OF PRISON AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: OBSERVER STATUS AT  
THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS (CDPC)**

Dear Mr. Salazar,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of The European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services - EuroPris ([www.europris.org](http://www.europris.org)) - and on behalf of the Board of EuroPris.

EuroPris, was formed in response to The Stockholm Programme, approved by the Council of the European Union in December 2009, which spoke of the value of organisations in the Justice arena, including prison administrations, establishing networks to support collaboration and co-operation across the European Union.

EuroPris is a non-political organisation which brings together practitioners in the prisons' arena with the specific intention of promoting ethical and rights-based imprisonment and exchanging information to support this agenda.

EuroPris exists to improve co-operation among Prison and Correctional Services in Europe, with the aim of enhancing public safety and security; reducing re-offending; and advancing professionalism in the prisons' and corrections' arena.



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In September 2011, the organisation was launched formally in Edinburgh, Scotland. Meanwhile, the organisation consists of 18 Full Members (National prison services of EU + EEA countries) and 1 Affiliate member (countries of the Council of Europe region, outside of EU +EEA).

The purpose of my writing is to seek observer status for EuroPris at the European Committee for Crime Problems. As I hope you will see from my short description of EuroPris much can be gained from having direct knowledge of the CDPC meetings. Much can be done by correspondence and information-sharing, having an opportunity to be present when the CDPC meets and to be aware of the detail of its deliberations will be of value to both entities.

Please let us know in case you would like to have more information about EuroPris in order to decide if the observer status for the CDPC can be granted to EuroPris.

Yours sincerely,



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