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The Global Alliance for LGBT Education (GALE) is a learning community of educators which aims to promote the full inclusion of people who are disadvantaged because of their sexual orientation or sexual identity by identifying, enhancing and sharing educational expertise.

Amsterdam, 30 December 2008

Reference: GALE/PD/2008-23

Subject: request for "Operational Relations";
UNESCO letter 17 April 2007
(ERC/RPO/NGO/76)

Dear Madam/Sir,

This is to respond, with pleasure, to the letter of the Chief of the NGO Section, Ms Marie - Ange Théobald, dated 17 April 2007, giving us clear instructions for the UNESCO procedure on cooperation with NGOs.

The foundation GALE is pleased to present to you all required information and documents, as follows:

1. We have carefully studied the "Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with NGOs", notably concerning the possibility of "operational relations" (described in Para. II.) , which GALE is most interested in. We herewith confirm our request for the said status.
2. The NGO Information sheet (Ngo / INF/10.05) is enclosed (Annex I), in completed form.
3. A brief description of the project activities that GALE hopes to implement in cooperation with UNESCO. This will form the basis for discussion with UNESCO's sectors in order to explore possible ways for joint cooperation. See Enclosure, Annex II.
4. A copy of the GALE Statutes, legally incorporated on 4 July 2007 by notary public in Amsterdam. An authorised translation into English is included in Enclosure Annex III
5. A copy of the incorporation of the foundation GALE into the Dutch Chamber of Commerce Registry, in English version, dated 8 November 2007. See Enclosure Annex IV.

6. A List of GALE- International Advisory Committee members, by country. See Annex Enclosure V.

An overview of the current 257 affiliated members worldwide, as published on the GALE website, is also enclosed in this same Annex. Some names are not listed because members fear for their safety and have elected our option not to publish their names or profiles to the public. We also provide a list of how many members we have in which countries.

7. The Financial Statement over the latest completed budget year of GALE, i.e. 2007, plus external accountant statement of approval. See Annex Encl. VI.

8. Proceedings of the constituting Board meetings in Geneva and Montréal, March and August 2006

9. GALE Statement on Taiwan of China ANNEX VIII

10. GALE newsletters and brochures.

We, at GALE, sincerely hope that you will find our written presentation interesting. We look forward to hearing your appreciated feedback and, if needed, we shall gladly provide you with any further clarifications, to the best of our ability.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures as above

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- Ms. Sabine Detzel, Focal Point for NGO's in the Education sector
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