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To:

**Foreign Ministry Of Mauritania  
Ministry Of Interior  
Ministry Of Tourism And Artisanal**

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Gentlemen:

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the government of Mauritania for all the help provided to the organizers of the seventh edition of the Budapest-Bamako, Great African Run. The Budapest-Bamako is a bridge between our nations and a strong bond that connects Mauritania and the people of Europe.

I would like to express my thanks to armed forces of your country for providing protection and diligently guarding the participants of the Budapest-Bamako.

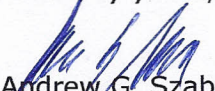
I would like to praise the wonderful work that Mr. Idoumou Abderrahmane has done coordinating with your embassy in Berlin and the various bureaus in Nouakchott during a difficult, but fruitful visa process.

Saharan hospitality is known around the world. The hospitality of the Mauritanian people shines during our visit and the support of the government has always been impressive. The European television channels that cover the Budapest-Bamako will tell the foreign TV viewers about the warmth and kindness of your people and wonders of your country.

In summary thank you very much for all the support and assistance that you've given the Budapest-Bamako and the professional and courteous handling of all administrative matters through our agent, Mr. Idoumou Abderrahmane.

We're hoping to see representatives of the Mauritanian Government during my visit this January.

Sincerely yours,

  
Andrew G. Szabo  
Founder Of The Budapest-Bamako

