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Muito boa tarde,

Na sequência do pedido de audiência feito pelo Pierre Tournier, da Remote Gambling Association (RGA), e dos contactos realizados com os vossos serviços desde dezembro, vimos informar que a RGA contribuiu para o processo de consulta que o Serviço de Regulação e Inspeção de Jogos conduziu em janeiro e fevereiro, no âmbito da reavaliação do regime jurídico dos jogos e apostas online.

Neste contexto, a RGA terá todo o gosto em partilhar, presencialmente, os pontos essenciais e detalhes da proposta para um melhor funcionamento do mercado do jogo online em Portugal.

Agradecendo desde já a atenção e na expectativa da vossa resposta,



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2017-12-14 13:56 GMT+00:00 Pierre Tournier < ptournier@rga.eu.com>:

Dear Deputy Pires,

I am writing on behalf of the Remote Gambling Association (RGA) following the meeting that you had with Rui Barbosa, who is the head of ANAon, last week in the Parliament to discuss the ANAon petition as

well as the findings of the study about the Portuguese online gambling market that the RGA has commissioned and recently launched in the press.

By way of introduction, the RGA is a London & Brussels-based trade association whose members are all licensed for gambling purposes in Europe. Its membership includes most of the world's largest and most respected online gambling companies, many of whom also have interests in terrestrial gambling establishments. The RGA is committed to promoting a well-regulated environment for responsible licensed operators in the world's remote gambling markets. Further information about the RGA and a list of its members can all be found at www.rga.eu.com

As Rui Barbosa has already indicated to you, we are happy to share with you our market study. Please, find enclosed the final version. Although you are already aware of the main findings, it is worth reminding them: 68% of the online gamblers in Portugal continue to gamble with offshore operators that are not licensed in the country. And we estimate that only 39% of the funds that are gambled by Portuguese online gamblers are placed with onshore operators that are licensed in the country, which we deem to be very low.

We understand that you are contemplating the idea of hosting a hearing about the regulation of online gambling in Portugal. We would be extremely grateful if you could give us the opportunity to present our views in this context. We would be delighted to share our positions with regard to taxation and other key regulatory aspects with the view to improving the existing legislation.

Also, we have produced a short video to explain in simple terms what online gambling is about and how it is best taxed and regulated. I hope you will find this useful:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rPdTtoa io (Portuguese version)

We are looking forward to hearing from you and wish you the best for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

Pierre Tournier

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