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Dear Mrs. Halounova,

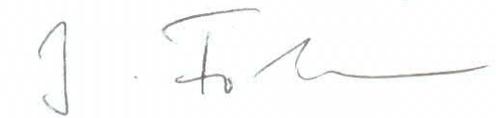
the city and the university of Bonn would be very happy, if the 36th EARSeL Symposium 2016 would take place in our beautiful city on the Rhine. As Germany's United Nations city Bonn has rich experience in the organization and support of international conferences. A recent exchange with the rector of our United Nations University, Professor Rhyner, and the Executive Secretary of UN-SPIDER, Mr. Villagrán, has shown that on behalf of these two United Nations Organisations there is interest in contributing to your symposium. This contribution of two UN bodies might even be facilitated, if in 2016 in Bonn the 36th EARSeL Symposium and the FOSS4G-conference could be merged into one event. This might also bring about specific innovation potential. We have been told, that first thoughts of the respective planning committees also go into this direction. Therefore we would like to support this idea and would be very grateful if you could think about this suggestion.

We have sent a similar letter to the President of FOSS4G, Mr. McKenna, and we would be grateful if you discussed our suggestion with him. We would like to assure you of our support for the organization of the 2016 conference and are looking forward to soon hearing from you.

With kind regards



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