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Dear Mr. McKenna,

I am very pleased to present this letter of support for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of the Secretaria de Telecomunicacions y Societat de la Informació (STSI) de la Generalitat de Catalunya, the Catalan Government Secretary's Office of Telecommunications and Information Society.

The STSI is created in order to pay attention to the challenges and the problems from the public Administration that the new stage of the sector of the telecommunications and of the society of the knowledge they propose. The Secretary's Office is responsible, among other competences, of the general policy about computer science, telecommunications and information society in Catalonia, it promotes the respective economic sectors and integrates the information technologies into all the areas of the Catalan society.

In order to establish guidelines in the formality and the exploitation of the services and necessary systems of information for the functioning of the Generalitat de Catalunya, the STSI has entrusted in the Center of Telecommunications and Information Technologies (CTTI) the realization of a Sheet of Free and Open Source Software Route for the administration where the real opportunities of implantation of the free software are highlighted in the corporative computer systems and departmental.

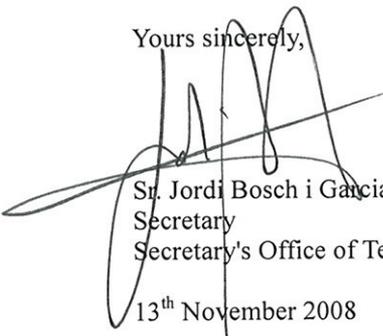
The main purpose is to guarantee the knowledge and the application of the recommendations of the use of open standards, interoperability and accessibility marked in the European frame.

In this sense, we are sure that hosting FOSS4G conference in Barcelona will be a great and excellent opportunity to raise the awareness of the use of FOSS, in particular in the geospatial community.

As you probably know Barcelona is modern and beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing, technological and touristic infrastructure which will contribute for sure to a successful meeting of FOSS4G.

The STSI is looking forward to welcoming members of the open source geospatial community to Barcelona in 2010.

Yours sincerely,



Sr. Jordi Bosch i Garcia
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