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Your Excellency,

According to press reports, you were recently asked by a group of Dresden inhabitants to support those campaigning against the construction of the Dresden *Waldschlößchenbrücke* and in favour of dismantling those sections already built. We would like to ask you to reject this idea.

The inhabitants of the city of Dresden voted on 27 February 2005 with a majority of 67.9% in favour of the construction of this bridge. We would like to ask you to respect this democratic decision taken by the citizens of Dresden and not allow yourself to be exploited by a minority defeated in a democratic process.

The bridge itself is excellently adapted in architectural terms to the surrounding landscape and settlement structure and its unity of function and form enriches the Dresden cultural landscape. It will ease the traffic situation in Dresden at important points, thus making a significant contribution to the environmental situation in Dresden and thus to the protection of Dresden's cultural heritage. This bridge has been under construction since 2007 and is due to be opened to traffic in 2011.

The arguments of the bridge's opponents are without substance. Yet, unfortunately, the inconsistent attitude of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on this matter has been enormously damaging in political terms for our city. We urge you not to exacerbate this damage any further. We assure you that we too will always strive to ensure that representatives of Germany respect democratic decisions taken in your country.

With kind regards

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