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Subject: financial statements 2022

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed the digital signed financial statements 2022 of Stichting Conference of European National Librarians, dated April 24, 2023.

Digital signing via our platform is just as legally valid as a wet signature and our employees have personal certificates. A qualified electronic signature cannot be abused because it is irrefutable. This means that it is always certain that the signature was made by a person authorized to sign within RSM. The recipient can always validate the electronic signature. In addition, this is also a safe(r) way of signing for you.

We confirm our permission to publish our auditor's report without a handwritten signature, as included in the section "other information" of the enclosed annual report, subject to adoption of the financial statements, without modification, by the Executive Committee. Publication of our auditor's report is only allowed together with the corresponding complete set of the annual report. If you wish to publish the annual report and our auditor's report on the Internet, it is your responsibility to ensure proper separation of the annual report from other information on the website. For example, by presenting the annual report as a separate, read-only file, or by issuing a warning if readers switch from the web page containing the annual report ("You are now leaving the secure page containing the audited annual report.").

Please note that in accordance with Dutch law the annual report must be signed by the directors and should be presented to the executive committee. The annual report should be adopted by the executive committee and adoption should be recorded in the minutes.

If prior to the general meeting of the executive committee a situation occurs that requires a modification to the annual report, please note that under article 2: 362 sub 6 and article 2:392 sub 1g of the Netherlands Civil Code such modifications should be made prior to the general meeting. Obviously, under these circumstances authorization to publish our independent auditor's report has to be renewed.

Would you please return a copy of the signed financial statements to us for our files.

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Information systems

In accordance with article 393 section 4 Book 2, Title 9 of the Dutch Civil Code, independent auditors must report their findings resulting from the audit of the annual accounts with respect to the reliability and continuity of electronic data processing. As a result of our audit procedures we have no matters to report.

The responsibility for sufficient reliability and continuity of the electronic data processing lies primarily with management of the company. Our audit of the statutory financial statements is focused on issuing an opinion on the fairness of presentation of the annual accounts and not the reliability and continuity of automated data processing as a whole or parts thereof.

It has been agreed that no separate examination of the reliability and continuity of automated data processing as a whole or parts thereof are carried out. If we had carried out specific procedures on the above aspects, additional findings might have been identified and reported to you.

Fraud

The primary responsibility for preventing and detecting fraud and mistakes rests with the management. Management of the company sees to it that management develops adequate procedures and takes appropriate measures if necessary. The auditor is responsible for evaluating the risk that the financial statements could be materially misstated due to fraud, mistakes or misappropriation of assets.

If during the course of our audit, we become aware that an act of fraud has or may have been committed, we will report these matters to you. If in the event of a material fraud in respect of financial reporting, no appropriate action is taken by you, we will be required to report this to the relevant authorities.

During the audit of the financial statements 2022, no indications of fraud came to our attention.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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