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The increasing complexities of developing basic infrastructure in an orderly, sustainable fashion, demand integral actions to present a development that responds to the needs of the times. Costa Rica has significant potential for growth and the conditions to attract investors who can easily perceive good returns and a secure site for their projects.

Day by day, property owners in the Central Valley see how more international flights arrive directly to Daniel Oduber International Airport in Liberia, whose passengers visit attractions in the northern plains and the beaches. As the Great Metropolitan Area is over passed and there is no need to overnight in San Jose, the recent announcement of a projected Convention Center in the central plateau brings with it new hope and higher expectations of generating additional visitation, positioning the country among those destinations that host meetings and conventions, while simultaneously providing an adequate forum for cultural and social events.

For many years, this has been a treasured dream, sometimes so close to achievement but mostly considered unreachable. The suggestion that this proposal is not only feasible but possible in the short-term, has brought new anticipation for the planning for grand events. Its presence would have a swift impact in our development and would sow the seeds for future endeavors and correlated projects.



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Furthermore, a single project like the Center, leads to a wide range of job opportunities in various fields and its area of influence would reach not only the tourism industry but also economic, social and human structures.

Additionally, all representatives of the tourism sector must assume a solemn and advanced commitment, in order to rise to the challenge of making this Convention Center a successful and totally profitable endeavor.

We must also amass all the necessary information to realistically determine the requirements for qualified and trained personnel and in conjunction with the educational division, respond to those needs, as the success of the Convention Center will be based on the excellence of service.

Our country has been blessed with multiple attractions, not only natural, but historic, cultural and human. This characteristic has encouraged friendly governments to become our allies in the advancement and development of our country. This is a unique and valuable opportunity for which it is vital that we validate our stake in the treaty, by making assuring that the approval process for project be completed rapidly.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Minister of Tourism of Costa Rica and to all of those whose actions and duties are focused on making of this project a 'dream come true' and offer our unconditional and professional support to make ensure its realization.