

Annexe VI Invitation (Version anglaise)



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Object: Interview Invitation for Master Thesis (Estimated duration of 20 mins)

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

I am a Master year student at the Antwerp Maritime Academy and currently conducting my Master Thesis, with Prof. Dr. Ludwina Van Son, about the role of Spanish speaking countries in the maritime sector. More specifically, the thesis focuses on the communication problems that may arise due to a multicultural/multilingual environment. The main objectives of this study are to:

- Determine whether or not language barriers play an important role in maritime accidents.
- Determine if the Spanish language is amongst those barriers.
- Identify the situations where communication problems tend to appear.
- Propose solutions which may reduce the impact of communication problems.

Your company, [REDACTED], has experienced problems due to language barriers with one of its contracts in Argentina. Having firsthand information on what these problems were and how your company managed them, could be highly valuable for this thesis. Which is why I kindly ask you for an interview.

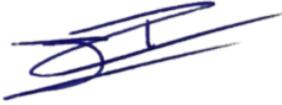
The interview would be a skype session (or other) about the experiences your company has had with the Spanish language in Argentina, the importance it gives to this language, the company's policy regarding communication etc.

A series of questions which will be treated during the interview has been attached to this document, in order to give you an idea of what to expect.

If you are willing to participate, please let me know and we will arrange a day and time for the interview. Your name as well as your company's name may be kept anonymous if required.

I thank you in advance for your valuable help and interest you will put into this thesis. If you have any questions concerning this thesis, you can always contact me on the e-mail address & mobile number provided above.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JT', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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