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Dear

EUROPEAN YOUTH ULTIMATE COMMITTEE,



My name is Mauricio Moore; may be some of you remember me as a coach of Jr. team Colombia in the past World Junior Ultimate Championships.

In the last couple years, our national ultimate has been growing up with a lot of dedication, looking for a good future of the sport in youth age around the world. We think this is possible just if we create process in our regions like Europe has been doing in the last years with an incredible success from the look of this side of the world.

Colombia is leading a process trying to build up an structure in America; As you can imagine distances, cultures and some other facts make things harder, but there is a shiny hope in the wake of the success of our teams in the last 4 years, but also the interest of other countries to work together. It's not a mystery that U.S and Canada are a big part of this commitment and we have been looking for a way and shape that can work to build a scene for our kids.

So this year, supported by WFDF and with the commitment of all the central and South and North America countries, we took the initiative to start a process to constitute the PAFDF (Pan American Flying Disc Federation) with the main goal of regional development in some areas like a Pan American Youth Championship in odd years, and we are now giving some steps to this.

This year we will have our first youth tournament in Colombia with an extended invitation to the region in April (holly week). We know this year just Venezuela and may be one other Latin America country will attend, but it's just the beginning and we want to confirm its possible. We Asked to US Ultimate if they can also include a youth division and they Said they will sometime in the future and all of this process faces to a youth develop in our region. This looks kind of far in this moment, but if our U17 teams participate in the EYUC this year, we know this will be a huge push in our work to convincing USA and Canada to the need of the start the PAFDF, and create events like those in our region.

So until the PAFDF Youth Championships is organized (we hope already in 2015), as part of our development plan, we have the dream of bringing teams of all the younger ages to international competitions, looking for an interchange of cultures, competitions, spirit, and pushing once again our region to grow up in this scenario. That's why we made tryouts in our country and we have not

only our Jr. Open and Jr. Women national teams getting ready for worlds but also our U17 Open and U17 Girls national teams looking for the possibility to compete with the Europe teams at the EUYC 2014. We have even created a U15 Open team as a result of the commitment in those ages, although this team only competes on national level. We already have worked out funding for our teams and we are sure that we can reach our goals showing the process of all of these junior teams.

So our ambition right now is to give both the older and younger Colombian kids a tournament where they all can feel they are part of a National team, they can feel proud of their colors and also compete with kids of their ages from different sides of the world. This year WJUC/EUYC is the best opportunity they can have. That's why we want to ask you to make a special invitation this year to our U17 teams to share the tournament. We will agree with any particular adjustment in our participation that you consider necessary to make it possible, for example not being able to qualify for quarterfinals/semis, or any playoff /placement game for that matter. This will not be a problem since participation is the main reason these teams would go. We also will ensure you that we will bring friendly, highly spirited and good level contenders.

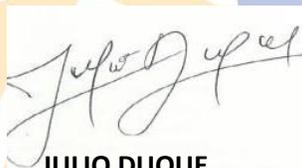
In some e-mails with Paul E. he told me about the discussions the national representatives had at EYUC last summer where the majority decide to not allow non-European teams in the U17, but he also mentioned this was based on the assumption that WFDF would include U17 division in WJUC, something we all know is not going to happen. So that's why we want to ask you to consider our participation just for this one time as a part of the construction of this incredible and important youth process that our kids will be thankful for.

As one of the leaders in youth divisions I'm sure that you want to help us with our work with the growth of youth ultimate in our continent supporting and validating our process where we want to lead the youth development for all of the Americas. I'm also quite sure this interchange experience will help in the development of the European youth divisions as well.

Thanks for your time and support.



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