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**COUNCIL FOR BASKETBALL FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY**

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The Hague, 01 November 2003,

Dear Donalda,

FIBA and I personally learned with great sorrow about the sudden death of John Lovett. Please, accept on behalf of the FIBA President, the FIBA Secretary-General and on my own behalf our sincere condolences. We would appreciate it if you could pass on our condolences to the family.

As you know, I met John in Rome a couple of times and we have started a co-operation between CISS and FIBA, which we both very much liked. We continued to have contacts, mainly through email, but always with the intention to really improve our co-operation. He played a very important role in re-opening the International Basketball Federation to co-operate with CISS for the development of basketball for the deaf. He was very committed, which I appreciated enormously. He must have done similar things for deaf sport in general. FIBA will remember him for that.

Undoubtedly, the best we can do for his legacy is to continue in his spirit our co-operation.

We hope that John's wife and family can find the strength necessary in these circumstances, realising how much he meant for the sports community. Also, CISS must be able to overcome this enormous loss, because he has been able to strengthen CISS.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Berteling,  
President, FIBA Council for Basketball with a Disability

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