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In recognition of their differing structures and with the conviction

- that the Liberal Professions are an indispensable part of a free society
- that the performance achieved by liberal professionals is constantly gaining more significance in a humane society as an activity which is personally and professionally independent and defined by an individual trust relationship with the client or the patient

In the joint effort

- to emphasise the significant importance of the Liberal Professions in public and in relation to the political institutions in the European Union and its member states
- to maintain and further develop the ethic responsibility, professional regulations and the self-administration of independent professionalism inherent to the Liberal Professions
- to jointly promote activities on a European level and develop common positions

Being aware

- of the fact that the co-operation between the Liberal Professions on a pan-European level is of major importance
- of the similarities between the Flemish and the German Liberal Professions as neighbours in friendship and solidarity

We have the strong will

- to make the Flemish-German friendship also be of use for the future of the Liberal Professions and
- to thoroughly discuss questions in all fields affecting the Liberal Professions of both Germany and Flanders through regular consultations and close cooperation, especially to hold joint committee meetings and consultations

The Federatie voor Vrije en Intellectuele Beroepen (FVIB) and the Bundesverband der Freien Berufe (BFB) sign this

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Brussels, 26 August 2010

Federatie voor Vrije en Intellectuele Beroepen

Bundesverband der Freien Berufe

Secretaris-generaal

John De Leenheer

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