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### **To whom it may concern**

The *Project Nepenthes* is welcomed by many FECRIS Associations as a useful tool to help the victims of those totalitarian organisations known as “cults”. The people present at the Fecris Conference in London in April 2010 greatly appreciated the teaser of this film.

The title of our FECRIS Conference in London in April 2010 is very relevant to the situation in Europe as a whole: “*How cults are infiltrating world institutions*”. Cults are present in all the countries of the European Union, on all continents and in the whole world. Big cults like an important one, based in California, have made serious inroads in the capitals and other important cities of EU member States by buying very expensive properties in the heart of these cities i.e. in London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Madrid, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Moscow, Milan, Warsaw...

There is great ignorance in the public and in the State institutions concerning the danger that these movements represent. Some countries have recognized them as religions. This gives them the possibility to give their opinion with regard to European Union legislation and act as victims before the institutions of the OSCE if anyone dare to criticise them. It is difficult to quantify them, there are many small entities which work in the shadow of the big ones. Innocent people are caught in this trap and find themselves economically, physically and mentally ruined. Little or nothing is done to help these people. Only France, Belgium, Germany and Austria have, in some way or other taken steps to warn their citizens. Other countries prefer to close their eyes because it is a difficult subject and it is easier to ignore them.

Caterina Boschetti is a journalist. In Italy where she lives cults flourish and find many protectors. It is time to cease to follow the dominant thought blindly which makes us find excuses for inhuman organisations. That is why the effort of the Director, Paolo Doppieri, and Catherina Boschetti, co-author, to produce a film which explains cultism and its dangers to the people of the world in a clear and striking way is backed by FECRIS and its associations. We think they are capable and courageous members of civil society and encourage everyone who is aware of this danger to give them their support.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary general