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Re: Referral of The Guardian

To Whom it may concern,

I have been working in the field of Sports Safeguarding for over two decades, primarily as the Director of the Caribbean Sport and Development Agency. During that time, I have consulted on the development of safeguarding policies, safeguarding curriculum development and safeguarding training for coaches, administrators and volunteers. I have also had the opportunity to collaborate on key global safeguarding projects, including the International Safeguards for Children in Sport – serving as a Founding Member in the initial years and then later as an Advisory Board member. I continue to serve the global safeguarding community as an Academic Adviser for the IOCs Safeguarding Diploma and the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Course and as a member of the Safe Sport International Advisory Committee. I have also recently been appointed as the Safeguarding Lead for the Commonwealth Youth Games which will be hosted by Trinidad and Tobago in 2023.

I was introduced to Marc Hardwick In 2018 at the Jose Foundation Sport Safeguarding Conference in South Africa where Marc and his team introduced me to the very innovative safeguarding solutions and services offered by The Guardian. I was particularly interested in the Guardian's Anonymous Reporting App and the very powerful Panic Button feature which I believe fills a significant gap in the safeguarding space, particularly for sport competitions and tournaments.

Over the past years, I have sought advice from Marc and have found him to have a very clear understanding of both proactive and reactive safeguarding measures, and an "on-the-ground" practical experience for some of the difficult safeguarding challenges associated with the sport sector. In 2019 I invited Marc to join a Sports Safeguarding Working Group, which was hosted in Trinidad by UNICEF, bringing together some key safeguarding experts from across the globe to flesh out some of the safeguarding challenges around safeguarding education, culminating in a Safeguarding Seminar for coaches and administrators from NGBs in Trinidad. Marc's participation and commitment during the Working Group and Safeguarding Seminar added significant value to the overall experience for both the working group outputs and a very successful safeguarding seminar.

Marc continues to be a valuable source of support and advice to me on safeguarding matters and I am very pleased to recommend him and his team at The Guardian as a very valuable asset in the global safeguarding space, well equipped to address all facets of Games Safeguarding from training and administration to anonymous reporting, investigation, case management and monitoring and evaluation.

Yours Sincerely,

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