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Dear Mr. Ali Cinar Governor of Bartin Turkey

Last year I had the honor to be in your country, invited by the University of Ankara, the University of Bartin and the Turkish Chamber of Landscape Architects and visited Amasra and Bartin for some days. I was deeply impressed by the beauty and historical importance of these Turkish cities at the Black Sea.

I want to congratulate you and all colleagues who have been working towards the achievement to get Amasra and other cities related with the trading posts and fortifications on Genoese trade routes from the Mediterranean to the Black Sea into the World Heritage list of UNESCO, for your excellent work. It is great news to know that Amasra is now in the tentative list of UNESCO.

I am sure the process will continue successfully, regarding on one side the importance of all these cities and on the other your engagement!

I also want to express IFLA's interest on supporting your endeavor and contributing to achieve the protection and development of this urban heritage in your Region!

With very best regards and wishing all success!

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