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To whom it may concern,

### **A new concept for ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments in Slovenia**

As the governing body that sanctions international professional tennis tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour, the ITF has been proud and energised to support the growth of Tennis Slovenija in recent years. I was delighted to visit the women's \$25,000 tournaments in Otočec last September and tour a number of other tennis venues.

From zero (0) World Tennis Tour tournaments in 2019 to three in 2021, 11 in 2022, and now to 13 in 2023 – with total prize money of \$360,000 - we have been impressed with the high standards, excellent feedback provided by players and the vision and professionalism of Tennis Slovenija, which has become an important partner for the ITF.

The ITF's and Tennis Slovenija's objectives are aligned too, from working together to provide much-needed tournaments for elite female players (\$40,000 tournaments in Maribor and Murska Sobota) to hosting events in summer months to help reduce the costs of players.

We were therefore excited to hear of Tennis Slovenija's initiative to further grow its World Tennis Tour project with the concept of tournaments along the Slovenian railway network. With clear environmental and sustainability benefits (a growing challenge for tennis) the reduction in costs for players, and an innovative marketing concept, the ITF supports the development of this business plan, which has the potential to be a "blueprint" example for other countries.

At ITF we would be very pleased with your support and movement towards implementing described project and I hope we have the opportunity to meet next year in your city as well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Moss', with a horizontal line underneath.

Andrew Moss  
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