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Dear Mr Haine,

Rotary Greetings from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil !

I would like to introduce you to Mr. Claudio H. Steuer and Mrs. Ana Elisa A. Steuer, esteemed members of Rotary Club Rio de Janeiro, District 4571, appointed as our Goodwill Ambassadors.

Mr. and Mrs. Steuer are dual citizens of Brazil and the United Kingdom, and have lived a significant portion of their lives in Oxshott, Windsor, and Bracknell. They have two daughters residing in London and Farnborough, and a son in Bristol.

They look forward to meet with fellow Rotarians during their visit to the United Kingdom in August and September, and we would be delighted if they could participate in one of your meetings and make a presentation about our Rotary Club and one of our social projects.

District 4571 has just celebrated its 100th Anniversary and the event was graced by the presence of Mrs. Jennifer E. Jones, President of Rotary International 2022-2023, along with a representative of the Rotary Club of London in honour of Mr. Heriberto Percival Coates, an Englishman from Lancashire who was instrumental in the creation of the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Coates, referred to as the "Father of Rotary in South America" by Paul Harris, was a successful entrepreneur with enthusiasm for South America's potential. He founded the Rotary Club of Montevideo on 1 February 1919, and contributed to the foundation of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires on 8 November 1919, and the foundation of the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro on 15 December 1922.

We would be honoured if your esteemed Rotary Club would consider joining us in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of our Rotary Club by supporting our social project, together with Rotary International, celebrating '*Service Above Self*' and renewing the historic ties of friendship between our countries, thereby honouring Mr. Coates's enduring legacy.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PLP".

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