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Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter outlines the range and scope of our collaboration with Urban Flashes (UF), a project that will take place in the first week of September 2003 in Istanbul. This project has been in progress since the summer of 2002, when Mr Peter Lang of Urban Flashes made a research and site visit to the city. He spent time at Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center and following extensive discussions with the director Vasif Kortun selected Istanbul and this institution as the next project location for Urban Flashes.

We are extremely pleased that Platform will host the next UF symposium, and act as an organizational base for the project. Platform will also provide space for the project's workshops, lectures and exhibition-in-progress as well as staff support and technical equipment. If required, we can also provide further exhibition space and access to an auditorium.

The attached document outlines Platform's program, which has been in operation since September 2001. The institution functions as Istanbul's premier art space for introducing and relaying contemporary art to the city's public. Platform is also in the process of initiating a new space, specifically devoted to the exhibition and discussion of architecture, urban issues and spatial design. We believe that a collaboration with UF will help activate this new initiative and provide a more interactive situation for the public's comprehension of both projects.

Finally, although issues surrounding the concept of 'new megalopoli', remains a topic of international discussion, Istanbul's relative position has not yet been seriously considered within this debate. By basing Urban Flashes at Platform, we will create the opportunity to introduce Istanbul to this discussion, which will in turn encourage a more critical analysis of the city's progressive development and the role it plays in the international urban sphere.

We would like to realize this project between the 4 – 11 September 2003. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Vasif Kortun