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## **Letter of Support**

**Europa Nostra** The 7 Most Endangered m/s Charlesville - Georg Büchner

Hereby we would like to support the Belgium application for "The 7 Most Endangered" by Europa Nostra. The history of the heritage MS"Georg Büchner", the former Belgian colonial liner "Charlesville" is a very exceptional and diversified one. With his size it is one of the last motor ships in the world which survived this epoch of shipbuilding, closed connected to a special European history. Beside this the quit original mechanical and interior equipment of the ship was the reason to register this technical monument on the heritage list of Rostock in 2004.

Since years the owner of the ship is decreasingly to maintain and keep the ship, so in the beginning of this year it was closed to be sold and should destroyed by a new owner.

This we could stop by the law. But we can't fight to long, because here in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is no public purse and promotion in prospective, which could be enough to save this heritage.

By this reason we are strong supporting the initiative of Belgium in any way to save the ship in Belgium. This, we are sure, will be the last chance for this heritage and its history.

Kind regards, on behalf

Head of Cultural Affairs and Monument Protection Office

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