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**STATEMENT REGARDING MY INVOLMENT AT THE OPENING OF THE  
SLOVENIAN CONSULATE IN MELBOURNE ON FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014**

In the press release issued by the Emassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Canberra, regarding the opening of the Consulate in Melbourne, it was incorrectly stated that I, as well as the new HC Mr Derry Maddison, Mr Peter Mandel OAM and Fr Ciril Božič OFM OAM, were all involved in organising the Celebration.

According to the email I received this morning from Mrs Draga Gelt, on the behalf of the Concerned Slovenians, it is assumed that all of the people mentioned in the Embassy's Press release were involved in organising the event and were involved in choosing the guest list, including the invitation of the convicted paedofile Nicholas Oman.

I had nothing whatsoever to do with the organizing of the event, I had no knowledge of the guest list, and I had no forewarning that Nicholas Oman was to be invited and was to be in attendace.

I never actually received a formal invitation, but was invited by the ambassador Dr. Milan Balažic personally by telephone. I did not see the guest list until 4 days after the event.

My only involment at this event was at the conclusion when Father Ciril performed the blessing and he asked me to join him in reading a part of his prepared prayer.

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In Sydney, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014.