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Mr. Javier Prado

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Dear Mr. Javier Prado,

My name is Martina Bergamaschi and I am 21 years old. I was born in Bologna, Italy, and I am an Italian citizen. I live in Moscow.

I have attended my primary and middle school in a small village near Bologna, and my secondary school in Bologna. My studies have covered a wide variety of subjects, ranging from chemistry and physics to Latin and ancient Greek, but my biggest interest have always been modern languages. That is why I decided to enroll at the Advanced School of Modern Languages for Interpreters and Translators, choosing English, Russian and Portuguese as my first, second and third languages. Currently I am spending five months in Moscow studying Russian at the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Regional Studies of the Moscow State University. After my graduation I would like to work as an interpreter, especially in the diplomatic field, since languages and the understanding of other cultures is my biggest passion.

I have fallen in love with Brazil when I first visited my grandmother, who lives in Rio de Janeiro, when I was 10. This trip gave me the chance to visit some other cities of your beautiful country, such as Sao Paolo and Ipanema, and to get in contact with the local culture, which has stroke me with its happiness and colourfulness. Unfortunately I came back to Brazil only another time, when I was 20. That’s when I discovered the beauty of Portuguese and decided to study it. Its sounds and grammar simply mesmerized me, and speaking a good Portuguese, as well as coming back to Brazil, has been my main goal ever since. I think that attending your summer course at the Escola da Lingua do Sol would be a great opportunity for me to both improve my Portuguese and to learn more about your interesting culture. I am especially interested in your classes on Portuguese literature, which I would never have the chance to attend in Russia or Italy. I hope that you will appreciate my enthusiasm and help my fulfilling my dream!

Yours sincerely,

Martina Bergamaschi