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DATE: April 20, 2023

The undersigned, in order to assist grant-making foundations in the United States of America in determining whether <u>ASOCIACIÓN OCOTE</u>

(hereafter referred to as "The Organization") is the equivalent of an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and the equivalent of a public charity described in Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code makes the following statement:

1. I am the <u>DIRECTOR AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE</u> of The Organization.

2. The Organization was created by a <u>CHARTER AND BYLAWS</u>, on <u>December 19,2017</u>, STATUTE or CHARTER DATED_ OT GRANTED IN THE YEAR and is operated exclusively for <u>NON-PROFIT-MAKING</u> purposes under the CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY, OR EDUCATIONAL laws of <u>GUATEMALA</u> NAME OF COUNTRY

3. The activities of The Organization have included <u>PROMOTING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION</u>, FOSTERING THE ACCESS AND GOOD PRACTICES IN TERMS OF THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION. PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ENHANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE, AND PROMOTING CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT. ITS ACTIVITIES HAVE FOCUSED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOURNALISTIC PROJECT OF <u>AGENCIA Ocote</u> (A WEB-BASED COMMUNICATION MEDIUM WITH A TRANSMEDIA UNDERTAKING, WHICH ADDRESSES AND INVESTIGATES ISSUES RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS; WOMEN; LGBTIQ+ DIVERSITY; THE ENVIRONMENT; CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE; HISTORIC MEMORY AND JUSTICE; COMBATING DISINFORMATION THROUGH FACT-CHECKING AND VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC SPEECH; AND CULTURE). IT ALSO HOLDS TRAINING EVENTS AND PROMOTES DIALOGUE, AS WELL AS THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE GUATEMALAN CITIZENRY. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE DESCRIBED IN THE PURPOSE OF ITS INCORPORATION, AND ITS STRATEGIC PLAN INCLUDES THE STRENGTHENING PUBLIC DEBATE AMONG THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CITIZENRY, THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE THEMATIC LINES OF ITS JOURNALISTIC WORK, AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING. DESCRIBE PAST AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

and will include

DESCRIBE FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

4. A copy of the charter, bylaws and other documents pursuant to which The Organization is governed is attached hereto.

5. The laws and customs applicable to The Organization do not permit any of its income or assets to be distributed to, or applied for the benefit of, a private person or non-charitable organization other than pursuant to the conduct of The Organization's charitable activities, or as payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or as payment representing the fair market value of property which it has purchased.

6. The Organization has no shareholders or members who have a proprietary interest in the income or assets of The Organization.

7. In the event that The Organization were to be liquidated or dissolved, under the laws and customs applicable, or under the governing instruments, all of its assets would be distributed to another not-for-profit organization for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes or to a government instrumentality. A copy of the relevant statutory law or provisions in the governing instruments controlling the distribution of the organization's assets on liquidation is attached.

8. The laws and customs applicable to The Organization do not permit The Organization, other than as an insubstantial part of its activities, to

- (i) engage in activities that are not for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or
- (ii) attempt to influence legislation, by propaganda or otherwise.

9. The laws and customs applicable to The Organization do not permit The Organization directly or indirectly to participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

10. The Organization is not controlled by or operated in connection with any organization other than as follows:

IT IS NOT CONTROLLED BY ANY ORGANIZATION. IT HAS EMERGENCY SUSTAINABILITY BACKUP FROM THE PRIVATE COMPANY *AGENCIA OCOTE*, *S.A.*, AND IT ESTABLISHES COLLABORATIVE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER MEDIA WITH SHARED AIMS AND GOALS, SUCH AS THE LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM (CLIP, ITS SPANISH INITIALS), GUATEMALALEAKS, AND LATAMCHEQUEA.

11. A schedule of support for the four most recently completed taxable years is attached.

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing statements and any documents attached hereto are complete and accurate.

SIGNATURE and TITLE

Sworn to before me this <u>20TH</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 20<u>23</u>.

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