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Ms Cecilia Meirovich
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Dear Ms Meirovich

Re Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky : Nomination for the Inter-American Human Rights Commission

I write to support the nomination of Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission. As a feminist economist, author of books on a human rights approach to economic policy, advisor to UN Women, and member of the UN Committee for Development Policy, I worked with him when he was UN Independent Expert on Debt and Human Rights to ensure that the impact of fiscal policies on women and girls was reflected in his reports. He produced an excellent comprehensive report on the implications of IMF and World Bank mandated fiscal policies for women and girls and put forward clear and cogent arguments on why these institutions should take account of human rights in their lending and policy conditions. The report has been invaluable to women struggling in many countries for the realisation of their human rights, economic, social and cultural, as well as civil and political.

Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky is a distinguished human rights advocate with an outstanding international reputation. He would bring to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission some fresh ideas on engaging with civil society, business, and the International Financial Institutions, and a focus on human rights and the everyday lives of people in the region. He would enable the Commission to develop a human rights approach to fiscal policies and debt issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, ever more needed in the current context of rising interest rates and huge debt burdens, that constrain resources available for realisation of human rights. He would be able to offer strong support to feminist agendas throughout the region. I urge you to nominate Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky to the Commission.

Yours sincerely



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Leontief Prize for Advancing Frontiers of Economic Thought, 2016
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