

Washington DC, December 2, 2022

Ms. Cecilia Meirovich Director for Human Rights Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship Argentina

Re: Support Nomination of Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Dear Ms. Meirovich,

We are pleased to extend our strong support to the nomination of Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky to the position of member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

Working with Mr. Bohoslavsky for more than 12 years we have become familiar with his interdisciplinary background and skills bridging international relations, economic policies and human rights.

We are convinced he would bring to the Commission a profile critical to advance the body's work in the coming years. In the third year after the pandemic-induced global economic crisis, and in the face of new shocks, regressions in poverty reduction and living standards in the region represent a growing threat to the promotion and protection of both democracy and human rights. The interlinkages between economic development and human rights have never been so evident.

In his role as UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights, we saw Mr. Bohoslavsky build upon, expand and diversify the work of that mandate on human rights standards as applied to a number of areas ranging from illicit financial flows to the activities of vulture funds and economic policy reforms.

We also collaborated with Mr. Bohoslavsky as he demonstrated outstanding work and leadership in UNCTAD's work to develop and build consensus on responsible sovereign lending and borrowing principles. This was a major enterprise demanding consensusbuilding with states and non-state actors on a complex subject. To this date, these principles are paramount in the toolkit to prevent and resolve debt crises that we promote globally.

Summing up, in his previous positions Mr. Bohoslavsky built useful pillars for our work to raise awareness about the impacts of economic policies and debt on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in our societies. We expect his contribution to the IACHR will be no less significant if his candidacy moves forward. In the process, he will undoubtedly bring pride to his country of origin and nomination.

For all the aforementioned reasons, we strongly recommend the nomination of Mr. Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky to the position of member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Sincerely yours,

Eric LeCompte Executive Director