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Candidate for:
Vice-chairperson

Hereby, I would like to present my candidacy to the position of Vice-Chairperson on behalf of Dianova International to support the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC). Dianova has been committed and engaged in the work of VNGOC since 2007 date of its membership. Mrs. Elena Goti has been a member of the board between 2008 and 2015 and during that time we have gained considerable expertise and knowledge of the work carried out by VNGOC. I have personally been engaged at the VNGOC since 2014, attending most of the organization's meetings and participating at the UN level through the VNGOC whenever possible (UNGASS preparation process, informal dialogues, surveys, etc.). I was also part of the VNGOC membership review group.

Most of the Dianova Network's members are grassroots organizations operating in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. At the global level, Dianova has been recognized for its non-ideological and realistic approach, taking account of the realities of the addiction problem to defend what is best for the people we serve throughout our prevention, treatment and harm reduction services.

As the VNGOC gathers civil society organizations with different ideological perspectives, I believe that it is important to see this difference as an enriching aspect bringing to the table more options and conveying different viewpoints and perspectives.

Now that we are on the road to the 2019 High Level Segment, I believe I can contribute to the VNGOC for the 2018-2020 term by:

- Contributing to the VNGOC with the tasks ahead of us and by ensuring the proper functioning of the board through my organizational capacity and my will to work as a team member dedicated to ensuring continuity after the 2018 board elections.
- Providing a balance in the board. Dianova is characterized by building collaborative bridges between organizations with different approaches, methodologies and achieving consensus with greater impact and effectiveness. What unites us makes us stronger in the face of the demands of our sector. In addition, I believe my presence could bring a young woman's perspective to the board.
- Representing the VNGOC. In my capacity of international relations manager for Dianova International, I participate in many international events and forums as a

representative of civil society organizations. I now live in Spain and am willing to travel to Vienna, or wherever needed.

Personal background: I was born in Spain and hold a BA on Political Science, a MA on European studies and a specialization on leadership and social innovation in NGOs. I worked during five years in Belgium and Turkey in the fields of European policies, human rights and education projects. I have been working for the institutional relations department of Dianova International since 2014.

I would be honoured to be able to contribute personally and on behalf of Dianova to the VNGOC in a capacity as Vice-Chairperson. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely, Lucía Goberna