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Candidate for:
Deputy Chairperson

It would like to present my candidacy to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the VNGOC on behalf of Dianova International.

I have been the Vice-Chair of the Board since March 2018 and during these intense two years I have had the chance to play a part in articulating the participation of civil society in the Ministerial Segment and other such important events. I also engaged in some of the key processes of the development of the VNGOC such as the consultation on the future of the Committee.

I am proud to say that I have been an active member of the Committee, assuming the vice-chair position of the Civil Society Task Force (2018-2019), participating in the numerous selection processes for civil society speakers (for

the Ministerial Segment, intersessional meetings, INCB civil society hearings, etc.), representing the VNGOC within and outside UNODC, working to ensure balance within the board, and participating in the strategic and operative development of the VNGOC. I believe I have gained insights and experience in working in the relevant political and diplomatic dynamics.

I am responsible for institutional relations at Dianova International, a position I have held since 2014. I hold a BA on Political Science, a MA on European studies and a specialization on leadership and social innovation in NGOs. Prior to my current position, I have also worked in the fields of European policies, human rights and education projects in Belgium and Turkey.

Since 2007, Dianova has been a staunch supporter of the work of the VNGOC. Dianova is an international organization with presence in four continents that works at the grassroots level by providing addiction treatment and prevention services as well as at the advocacy level. Our work is grounded in the non-ideological and realistic approach the organization is known for.

For these reasons, I would be grateful to contribute with one more mandate to maintain and further improve the civil society participation at the UN level..