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### Candidate for: **Secretary**

I am writing to express my interest to be considered again as Secretary of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (hereinafter, VNGOC) Board.

Two years ago, I had the opportunity to be elected for this position. During this time, I have constantly participated in all the activities of the Board, such as calls, retreats, more analysis of

more than 100 new membership applications, informal meetings, side events, hearings, consultations and numerous calls for applications. The work developed these two years have been based on coordinated efforts of all the members of the Board. This hard work has been materialized in innovative proposals and the elaboration of useful materials, for example, the creation of two ad-hoc working groups on regional engagement, the Code of Conduct, the Consultation on the Future of the VNGOC and the evaluation of the CSTF, among others. My main aim is to continue with this work, in order to strengthen the membership. In particular, I would like to continue promoting the participation of under-represented regions.

During my whole professional career, I have been working on drug policy issues. Currently, I am the Director of the Drug Policy Program in México Unido contra la Delincuencia (MUCD), where we founded the first Strategic Litigation Clinic in Drug Policy in the region. I also have an interdisciplinary approach: I graduated from Georgetown University with a Global Health LL.M. and a certificate in International Human Rights Law; I received my law degree from the CIDE in Mexico and a bachelor's degree in political science. Additionally, I have a thorough understanding of the UN System and the dynamic of these bodies. I strongly believe that the VNGOC is a key piece for drug policy advocacy.

Overall, I consider that given my skills, experience, and interests, I would be able to continue with these responsibilities. I would like to keep working hand in hand, building an inclusive, plural and stronger Committee.