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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Support for Lic. Clarimar Camacho Application for a IANAS-OWSD research prize

This is to certify that I agree to host Lic. Clarimar Camacho in our research laboratory at the University of California, Riverside for a internship to carry out research as part of her postgraduate studies toward her PhD degree in Chemistry. This invitation is conditional on Lic. Camacho being able to obtain the appropriate funding to cover her traveling and living expenses. I understand that Lic. Camacho has applied for an IANAS-OWSD research prize for an outstanding advanced female PhD student; we are in full support of that application. Additionally, our offer is conditional on her being able to obtain the appropriate visa to enter the US. As soon as we receive a definite positive answer regarding her application for the IANAS-OWSD research prize, the University of California will send her the required paperwork necessary to apply for that visa.

It is my understanding that Lic. Camacho has been working in the design and synthesis of bi- and tri-metallic sulfides using novel synthesis methods and studying their catalytic activity on HDT reactions of vacuum gasoil as part of her PhD thesis. During her stay in our laboratory, Lic. Camacho will be involved in catalyst characterization research to complement the skills she has already acquired in her past work. Our research group will make available the necessary research facilities and give her guidance to facilitate a successful achievement of her planned research and to strengthen and diversify her scientific and technology research capacity.

We reiterate our full support for Lic. Camacho's application to your IANAS-OWSD research prize. We view this as a great opportunity to widen the research horizons of young female scientists such as her, and to forge possible long-term collaboration between institutions in Latin America and the US. Our lab would be happy to be a participant in this worthwhile program.

Yours sincerely,

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