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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to wholeheartedly commend the work of the Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños. Since 2009 I have been full time School subject Inspector/Adviser for Hampshire County Council in the UK. I have Honorary Research Fellowship at Exeter University and Visiting Fellowship at Winchester University. I am a senior teacher education in philosophy for children with the UK Society for the Advancement of Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education (SAPERE).

I was first acquainted with the work of the Federación while running a school linking project funded by the British Council between my school in the north of England and Secundaria Tecnica schools in Mexico City in 2001 and 2009. I have closely followed the work of the Federación since this time. I have valued many opportunities to return to Mexico to participate in academic conferences and workshops sponsored by the Federación. In July 2005, funded by the British Council I presented at the XII International Conference of the International Council for Philosophical Inquiry with Children, Mexico City together with two students from UK and students from Secondary Tecnica 44. In addition, I have attended the Taller Conferencia Internacional de Filosofía para Niños in San Cristóbal de las Casas in January 2021 (virtually), and almost every year between January 2014 and January 2007. It was while attending this event in 2007 that I first met Ann Margaret Sharp.

In addition to participating in these important academic events, I have collaborated closely on specific projects with leading members of the Federación. These include books, book chapters and peer reviewed academic papers including: Hannam, P. and Echeverria, E. (2009) *Philosophy with Teenagers*. London: Routledge. Further, between 2007 and 2014 I devised and ran with Eugenio Echeverria the 2 week International Conference in San Cristobal de las Casa for young people from UK and Mexico and other central American nations, supported by a UK grant giving body.

I have also had the pleasure of inviting Federación members to the UK to present at seminars and workshops in across the UK. Through the Federación, I established 4 school linking projects between primary and secondary schools in Hampshire and Mexico, funded by The British Council.

I continue to be impressed with the educational innovation and commitment of the Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños. The Federación produces philosophical curriculum materials, teacher education programs, and programs for philosophizing with children of the highest quality.

I know that the Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños was held in the highest esteem by Matthew Lipman and Ann Margaret Sharp and continues to be recognized by the Institute they founded: The Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC). The IAPC is the principal Philosophy for Children organization in the world. As an executive member of the International Committee for Philosophical Inquiry with Children (ICPIC) 2013-2017) I came to know and collaborate with other highly respected members of the IAPC and Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños.

I understand that there is a proposal to include Philosophy for Children as part of basic public education in Mexico. I know that the international recognition of the work of the Federación as well as the specific collaboration between the IAPC and Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños is outstanding. This quality of international recognition and support is precisely what will enable the Federación to uphold the highest standards that will be required for developing and implementing materials and methods in this field. It is for this reason that I commend the Federación Mexicana de Filosofía para Niños to you as being the body that has what is necessary to fulfill such an important educational proposal.

Therefore, I strongly support this proposal and pledge to offer the Federación any personal assistance I can offer.

Kind regards,

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