*Place, Date*

To whom it may concern:

To follow up on the Certification Procedures for Small Producers’ Organizations, and given that the Certification option we have selected is the Document-Based Evaluation or Complete On Site Evaluation, we, *Name of Small Producers’ Organization*, declare that we fully comply with Critical Criteria in chapters 4.1 and 4.2 in the General Standard of the Small Producers’ Symbol, which states the following:

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| 4.1 | SMALL PRODUCERS´ ORGANIZATIONS |
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| 4.1.1 | All the producers in the Small Producers’ Organization meet each of the following criteria (a, b, c and d): |
| 4.1.1.a.1 | 1. For each of the products to be included in the certification of the Small Producers’ Organization, the size of the production unit does not exceed the following dimensions: |
|  | i. The production units of at least 85% of producers do not exceed the following unit sizes: |
|  | A. Agriculture: 15 hectares in production |
|  | B. Indoor agriculture: 1 hectare in production |
|  | C. Beekeeping: 500 hives in production |
|  | ii. A maximum of 15% of producers may have up to 2 times the parameters defined in i. A, B and C. |
|  | iii. If there are some isolated producers who exceed these parameters of size, a request for a special permission must be submitted to SPP GLOBAL, with proper justification, so that the organization may eventually be subject of certification. |
|  | iv. Variations of less than 1% in the percentages of subsections i and ii are acceptable. |
| 4.1.1.a.2 | 2. For other categories of products, SPP GLOBAL should be consulted with, regarding the maximum sizes of production units. |
| 4.1.1.a.3 | 3. There are specific parameters for certain products and/or countries, which are included in the annex to the General Standard called "Specific Parameter List". |
| 4.1.1.a.4 | 4. In the case where the local parameters to define the small production (including variants such as small agroforesty production and harvesting) are different from what states this General Standard, a request can be presented to SPP GLOBAL to set the specific parameter, according to the procedures for the definition standards. |
| 4.1.1.a.5 | 5. Not considered cases are subject to review and approval by SPP GLOBAL's Standards and Procedures Committee and Board of Directors. |
| 4.1.1.b | The means of production used by producers cannot be owned by a Buyer, as defined in this Standard. |
| 4.1.1.c | Producers operate their Production Units for the products to be included in the certification mostly with their own labor force, family labor or through community labor exchanges. Of the average amount of the wages for hired labor (outside the harvest season), half or less may correspond to third parties. Over half of the total labor force may be hired in the following cases: |
|  | i. Products requiring intensive labor (e.g., fruit harvested ongoing, such as bananas). |
|  | ii. Producers over 60 years old. |
|  | iii. Producers with disabilities who cannot carry out productive activities. |
|  | iv. Producers with illnesses that prevent carrying out production work. |
|  | v. Producers without a sufficient family labor force available to carry out the work in the Production Unit. |
|  | vi. Producers who hold a position in the organization or on a committee in the Small Producers’ Organization, preventing them from attending to their production work. |
|  | vii. Producers who are pregnant. |
| 4.1.1.d | Producers are personally involved in productive activities and in the activities of the Small Producers’ Organization, except when a health condition prevents such involvement. |
| 4.1.2 | In the case of Collective Production Units, the size of an entire unit depends on the number of producers in the organization owning a Collective Production Unit, considering the criteria described above for individual Production Units as a proportional part corresponding to each member. |
| 4.1.3 | In the case of a second or third-level Small Producers’ Organization seeking certification under this Standard, all of its members must be Small Producers’ Organizations, as defined in this document, and for the purposes of this Standard, will be considered as part of the same organization. |
| 4.2  | ORGANIZATIONAL CRITERIA |
| 4.2.1  | Each Small Producers' Organization is legally incorporated and has a current listing of all its members, indicating minimally:1. Name of Producers
2. Name of Locality
3. Size of Production Unit, by product to be included in the certification
4. Annual production for each product to be included in the certification
5. Should be validated both internally and externally.
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| 4.2.2  | The highest authority for each Small Producers’ Organization is its General Assembly (with the name used locally), which meets at least once a year in regular or special sessions, under the statutes of the particular organization. The General Assembly includes all members of the organization, unless a system of representation has been agreed upon internally. |
| 4.2.3  | The organization has a Board of Directors (the name used locally), which is responsible for following up on the agreements reached by the General Assembly and overseeing the operations of the Small Producers’ Organization. The Board, together with the operations team, reports to the General Assembly of the Small Producers’ Organization at least on an annual basis, regarding the results of its work and the status of the organization. |
| 4.2.4  | The Small Producers’ Organization is not formally subjected to any decisions made by political parties, government entities or businesses (buyers). |
| 4.2.11 | Within a Small Producers' Organization, the distribution of eventual returns resulting from commercial operation must be equitable, in accordance with the volume of product that each producer contributes to the total amount sold. |
| 4.2.11.a | In the event that there are remunerations for items that are not directly related to the volume sold, criteria of equal rights must be applied. |
| 4.2.11.b | In the case of a company with shareholders, the distribution of dividends should at no time be based on the number of shares of the different members of the organization, except in the case in which all producer members have the same number of shares at the time of distribution. |

We submit this Statement of Compliance from *Place and Date*, for the purposes of the Certification Process of the Small Producers’ Symbol.

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*Signature*



*Name, Position*

*Name of Small Producers’ Organization*