**SELF-DECLARATION**

**REGARDING FSC-POL-01-004 V3-0**

**(Policy for the Association)**

The signatory (organization or individual) is associated with the Forest Stewardship Council, A.C., domiciled in Oaxaca, Mexico (and together with its subsidiaries hereinafter identified as “FSC”), by being a member.

The signatory understands that under the FSC statutes adherence to the FSC Policy for Association is a requirement to become a member[[1]](#footnote-2)-[[2]](#footnote-3) and that participation in the unacceptable activities defined therein is considered a destitution cause from FSC.

Hereby the signatory explicitly states to have read and to understand and agrees to adhere to the “Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004 V3-0)”, which became effective on 1 January 2023 and which is attached hereto as Annex 1 (and also accessible at [Document | FSC Connect](https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/368)). This policy stipulates FSC’s position with regards to unacceptable activities happening starting on 1 January 2023 by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC as well as the mechanism for disassociation. For unacceptable activities that occurred prior to 1 January 2023, the Policy for Association in its previous version, version 2, will remain effective (accessible at [Document | FSC Connect)](https://connect.fsc.org/document-center/documents/38f19fb6-1fa7-42c0-8eb7-8796802c15d7) – the signatory also explicitly states to have read and to understand such version of the policy.

In light of the above, the signatory explicitly declares and agrees that it and its corporate group have not, are not and will not be engaged in the future in the following unacceptable activities defined in the FSC-POL-01-004 V3-0:

1. Illegal harvesting or illegal trade in forest products;
2. Violation of customary or human rights within the forestry or forest products sector;
3. Violation of workers’ rights and principles defined in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work within the forestry or forest products sector;
4. Destruction of High Conservation Values (HCVs) in forests or High Conservation Value areas;
5. Conversion of natural forest cover;
6. Use of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations for any other purposes than research.

City, Date

Individual / For the Organization

(Include the full name of the signatory and his/her signature or the full name of the organization and representative, authorized signature and, if applicable, the organization’s stamp)

(For Organizational members: this Self-declaration can be executed by its FSC designated representative to the extent that the designated representative is legally authorized by his/her organization to sign it – alternatively, the designated representative should obtain the signature of a person that has such authority).

1. An organization or individual applying for membership that is found to be in violation of the Policy for Association shall not be granted membership with FSC (see Section 4.2 of the Policy for Association). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. An organization or individual previously disassociated from FSC may apply for membership upon fulfilling the conditions defined in a remedy process and FSC ending the disassociation (see Section 5. of the Policy for Association). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)