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To Whom It May Concern,

I write today to recommend Mr. Giovanni Avila Flores as a candidate for your study program. As a United Nations Volunteer for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Giovanni has generously contributed his time and skills to the work of the Equator Initiative. The Equator Initiative is a partnership that brings together the United Nations, governments, civil society, businesses and grassroots organizations to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities

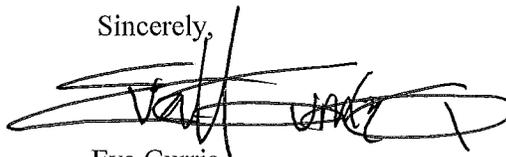
Mr. Avila has collaborated with the Equator Initiative since March 2013 translating documents from English into Spanish. In this role he has translated newsletters for the World Network of Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers, and other documents as needed. He also translated a 10-page case study entitled "Alexander von Humboldt Center". The case study, focused on the social, economic and environmental fields, can be found [here](#).

In preparation for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, Mr. Avila also supported the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by translating key procedural documents, formal donor letters, and communication materials. He consistently provided thorough translations and a quick turnaround, which was much appreciated especially in time-sensitive circumstances.

Giovanni's dedication and commitment to the issues of conservation and development, as well as his ability to translate technical documents in a timely and professional manner, have driven him to excel in his work for the Equator Initiative. As a result of Mr. Avila's work, the Equator Initiative will be able to share success factors of local best practice with a wider audience around the world.

We were fully satisfied with Mr. Avila's work and recommend him for your study program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information about Giovanni Avila Flores at [eva.gurria@undp.org](mailto:eva.gurria@undp.org)

Sincerely,



Eva Gurria  
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