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For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation

President Xiomara Castro
Republic of Honduras

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Dear Madam President,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on your recent election.

Secondly, I take this opportunity to assure you of my support for a coffee conservation initiative that I have been following with special interest over the past few years – Cafe Solar and the Yoro Biological Corridor.

The development of this innovative forest and renewable energy coffee processing, along with capacity building for local youth to develop the required leadership skills, is an example of global collaboration that is necessary for today and tomorrow.

Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's humanitarian and environmental programme for empowering young people of all ages that is now active in over 65 countries. It is currently in contact with Honduran programme developers. Forests are critical and require people for protection. Honduras' progressive Forest Law is a great example of leadership for the region as a whole. My experience in working with national parks and forest corridors in Tanzania includes working to support the coffee growers there. It would be wonderful if Honduras' Forest Law is used to protect the national parks - and it will also create valuable jobs that are linked to the corridor and conservation efforts and so benefit the local community.

I offer my personal support and would be willing to serve on the "Comite de Gestion" as Adviser for the Yoro Biological Corridor. With all good wishes

Yours sincerely,

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