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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter in support of the Latin American Universities for Fair Trade initiative.

The Latin American and Caribbean Coordinator of Fair Trade (CLAC) represents Fairtrade certified small producers, as well as other small fair trade organisations in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLAC's Latin American Universities for Fair Trade scheme hopes to create a network of Latin American and Caribbean Universities that support fair trade through actions in academia and by fostering collaboration with small producers. They seek to increase awareness and impact through establishing links between fair trade and responsible consumption in Latin America.

The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) supports the aim of Latin American Universities for Fair Trade to build a network of universities who are committed to actively supporting a fair trade just economy and society. The project will allow universities to become much more informed of fair trade issues and practices, learn from other institutions' experiences, influence changes in behaviour across universities, and utilise their enormous potential for becoming active players in promoting and creating positive change in the area of fair trade.

The EAUC shares and supports this vision. By hosting a Fair Trade network we explore and facilitate collaboration and the sharing of best practice between UK universities and colleges around the topic of fair trade.

We support the initiative and look forward to seeing the initiative becoming further established in Latin America and the Caribbean. We believe this scheme could be of great value to universities and encourage you to join.

Yours sincerely

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**For and on behalf of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) and EAUC Fair Trade Community of Practice**

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