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**Dear Members of ANSER Network
Ghent University
Belgium**

It is a pleasure to communicate with you to endorse the application of the Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health Programme at the Institute of Health Psychology, Faculty of Psychology, Universidad de la República to join the ANSER Network.

For over twenty four years, the Programme for Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health led by Professor Alejandra López-Gómez with membership of over 20 academics, has led has generated social impact and has been recognised for its influence on public policies on sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality in Uruguay and across Latin America as whole.

Professor López Gómez is a full-time professor at our University and an internationally recognised leader in research on gender equality and sexual health research. She was a member of the Uruguayan delegations to the United Nations System at ICPD+5, Beijing+5, ICPD+10 and Beijing+10 and she was appointed as a consultant to UNFPA, OPS-OMS and UNESCO in Latin American countries.

The inclusion of the Programme and therefore of our University in the Network ANSER will strengthen the academic collaborative work, contributing with experiences and evidence from Latin America on issues of high social relevance for the region. It will also favour the organisation of academic events and global academic exchange in defence of a sexual and reproductive health and rights agenda.

For its part, we hope that the ANSER Network will be a supportive, inspiring space and a window of opportunity to develop collaborative research projects and disseminate experiences and knowledge developed from Uruguay.

We look forward that this collaboration will reach new heights through the incorporation of the Gender Programme into the ANSER Network, to which we give our strongest support.

Yours sincerely,



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