**TEMPLATE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION OBSERVATIONS**

**OF THE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA**

**FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL**

***DRAFT DOCUMENT OF THE NATIONAL INTERPRETATION (NI)***

***OF THE 2018 RSPO STANDARD FOR GUATEMALA***

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| **IMPORTANT**  The Public Consultation period is part of the process of National Interpretation (NI) for the adoption of the Principles and Criteria of the RSPO 2018 standard for Guatemala, and aims to GATHER the opinions of all palm oil producers and traders, environmental and social NGOs, government entities, different experts and other stakeholders, on the proposed changes done during the NI process for Guatemala of the 2018 P&C standard. Given the importance of your participation, this NI document is made available for your consideration for a non-extendable period of 60 days (October 14 to December 13, 2020).  We appreciate the submission of your observations, sending the attached form to the Technical Secretariat of the National Interpretation of the RSPO standard for Guatemala to the address: [palma.Guatemala@solidaridadnetwork.org](mailto:palma.honduras@solidaridadnetwork.org), latest by October 13, 2020. Otherwise, we will consider you agree with the proposed IN RSPO document for Guatemala.  The correct completion of the form and its timely delivery to the Technical Secretariat of the NI RSPO for Guatemala, led by Solidaridad, will allow the Secretariat to analyse and incorporate your comments for the NI that will be adopted as a Certification Standard. The NI has been drafted to address the actual needs of the consumer and a guide for oil palm fruit producers and processors who are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil -RSPO.  The draft document for public consultation of the NI of the Principles and Criteria of the RSPO 2018 standard for GUATEMALA can be consulted and downloaded in the following link: **https://en.mapa-solidaridad.org/interpretacion-nacional-gt**  For more information, please contact the Technical Secretariat of National Interpretation of RSPO-Guatemala. |

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| **Reviewer registration: (required for acceptance of comments)** |
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** In the following table we ask you to write down your comments to the corresponding guides of the RSPO standard criteria, using for this purpose the Draft Document entitled: ¨Draft document for public consultation of the National Interpretation (NI) of the Principles and Criteria of the 2018 RSPO standard for GUATEMALA¨. It is hereby clarified that within the NI, only the implementation guides can be modified, not the criterion or their indicators. As far as possible, support your observations or arguments by referring to regulations, guides, technical documents. For those guides that do not have comments, please indicate it with "no comments".

We present a series of key questions that should be considered at the end of the proposed NI.

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| **KEY QUESTIONS:** |
| Do you have important comments for a specific criteria and its respective guide? |
| Do you identify the absence of any national regulations in Annex 6 of the draft document? Quote and specify the criteria and its guide (write them in column 2 of the following table) |
| Is there a term that deems to be defined or to improve the existing one? Please write the term and your proposed definition. |
| In the case of smallholders, independent smallholders, scheme smallholders, provide a definition if you do not agree with the existing ones in the NI? |

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**Table 1. COMMENTS**

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| **CRITERION-GUIDE No.** | **NATIONAL LAWS-APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS / ANNEX 6** | **TYPE OF COMMENT (GR, TC, ED) \*** | **COMMENT** | **DRAFT THE PROPOSED CHANGE** | **RESOLUTION OF THE NI RSPO NATIONAL WORKING GROUP TO EACH COMMENT** |
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\* The type of comment refers to: GR: it is a general comment to the guide, which may or may not be considered for modification; TC: technical, it is a comment in which technical aspects that can facilitate, improve or perfect the guide should be considered; and ED: editing, these are comments to improve the writing or semantics of a guide.

**Table 2.** Proposed definitions:

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| Term or word | Definition or adjustment proposal. |
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