

To whom it may concern

Letter of Recommendation

ICCO recognises EEPA's expertise in bringing development issues to the European agenda with an eye to promoting South – South cooperation. Since 2005 ICCO has cooperated with EEPA in communicating and positioning issues to the EU. These include:

- Promotion of the Aceh peace process;
- Problems related to sustainable development in Papua New Guinea;
- Communications strategy on the plight of an Indonesian human rights defender in the EU;
- Communicating and positioning a development cooperation strategy between the EU and Nepal, including media;
- Organising an international high-level conference on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, with ministerial involvement and support, and media strategy;
- Organising a conference on the Horn of Africa, including media strategy;
- Positioning and communication of the perspective of civil society in relation to the Horn and especially Eritrea and promoting South – South cooperation and exchange in a reference group of stakeholders;
- Positioning and communication of South – South cooperation on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and 1860 between various countries, with involvement of civil society, government, heads of state and other stakeholders;
- Organisation of hearings in the European Parliament on all of the above;
- Organisation of media and press on all of the above.

ICCO also recognises that EEPA's cooperation with Ampersand Global in handling communications and media related tasks has allowed efficient and reliable contacts to be built with the EU media.

EEPA is a reliable organisation, with an openness to work with partners, with a broad network and with a good strategic and analytical capacity to find opportunities for communicating new issues of the development agenda.

EEPA has a good reputation with Southern partners and an excellent reputation of building strong and sustainable partnerships, in which it will facilitate the interest of stakeholders.

EEPA also work well with other EU groups and organisations; as for instance with ICCO's EU network, Aprovev. Its reputation with the European Parliament as a trustworthy group of experts has assisted in building interest in the various issues.

ICCO therefore recommends EEPA as a reliable, efficient and professional organisation; the partnership of EEPA with Ampersand Global allows for an excellent reach in media and communications strategies.

Yours sincerely,


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