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Covering letter

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Dear Sir/Ms,

I am writing this letter to express my motivations to participate in USAID, under the role of economic data analyst. Currently, I am a PhD student in Economics. In my research, I explore the relationship between access to high-value markets and the adoption of sustainable practices in agriculture.

My thesis has allowed me to participate in data collection processes that have included the design and implementation of rural household surveys within the framework of an impact evaluation. In my first article where I evaluated the effect of a technical assistance intervention with small coffee growers in southern Colombia, where I was involved in the design, elaboration and implementation of both the baseline and the final one. While in my second paper I am conducting an impact evaluation of the commercial alliances program with the Queso del Caquetá (QC) collective brand, whose objective is to promote the adoption of silvopastoral practices on livestock farms. In terms of employment, my previous experience at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) was strongly related to data analysis, fieldwork of different projects in the agricultural sector in various Latin America countries.

For these reasons I consider that I possess the necessary skills for the position of economic data analyst, it will allow me to continue learning about the country's rural dynamics in a multidisciplinary environment in a multidisciplinary

environment that would complete my doctoral training. Please, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to let me know that I am happy to assist you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexander Buriticá Casanova". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Alexander" being the most prominent part of the signature.

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