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**Letter of Recommendation for Juan Carlos Castillo**

Dear Members of the Promotion Committee,

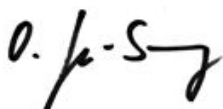
my name is Olaf Groh-Samberg, and I am the Principal Investigator of the German “Social Cohesion Panel” Study, Chair of the “Research Data Center” at the “Research Institute Social Cohesion” (RISC), and the Speaker of RISC. In these roles, I have had the privilege of collaborating with Dr. Castillo over the past several years, and I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for him to support his promotion to Full Professor at the Universidad de Chile.

Dr. Castillo serves as a Principal Investigator at the Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES) in Chile. Our collaboration began several years ago and has included numerous joint initiatives aimed at understanding and promoting social cohesion. In 2022, Dr. Castillo was invited to Bremen as a research fellow at RISC for a month-long research stay. During this period, he actively participated in a conference on social cohesion organized by our institute, demonstrating his expertise and commitment to this critical area of study.

Following his stay in Bremen, we embarked on the design of a comparative study on social cohesion between Chile and Germany. This project has reflected Dr. Castillo’s dedication, collaborative spirit, and scholarly acumen. In 2024, Dr. Castillo has been invited to return to Bremen for a two-month research stay, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), to further advance this comparative study.

The dedication to his research and his innovative approach to studying social cohesion make Prof. Castillo a standout candidate for Full Professor. His ability to build international collaborations and his commitment to academic excellence are truly exceptional. I am confident that his promotion will bring continued success and recognition to the Universidad de Chile.

Sincerely,



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