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Dear Members of the Executive Committee of BIEN,

**Application for Affiliation to BIEN by
Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland (SCIO). Charity no. SC0460356.**

As many of you will be aware, the people in Scotland held a referendum in 2014 to ask the question as to whether Scotland should be an independent country. The people rejected independence at that time, but the Independence Campaign stimulated Scots to ask fundamental questions such as 'What sort of country do we wish to create for ourselves and future generations?' and it has politicised much of the population.

Trustees at Citizen's Income Trust encouraged Annie Miller, their only trustee based in Scotland, to set up a sister organization in Scotland. CBINS was set up at the end of 2015, and charitable status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (SCIO) was granted in February 2016. This is the same as a Trust, but with limited liability for its trustees. Its members are also its trustees. CIT will continue to focus on educating the population as the desirability and feasibility of UK-wide CI systems based on Westminster, while CBINS will do the same with respect to Scottish-wide systems administered by the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, in an independent, or fully fiscally devolved, Scotland.

The trustees of CBINS wish to be affiliated to BIEN at its General Assembly in Seoul in July. We are still at a very early stage of our work, and are still in the process of setting up our website. Our application must be based on our vision and aims, rather than current achievements. I enclose a copy of our Policy Statement and Work Plan for your information, (but please do not mount it on the BIEN website until after it has appeared first on the CBINS website). A copy of our constitution can be made available on request.

We look forward to hearing from you,

With best wishes,

<i>Willie Sullivan,</i>	Chair
<i>Jon Shaw,</i>	Vice-Chair
<i>Ben Simmons,</i>	Secretary
<i>Maddy Halliday,</i>	Treasurer
<i>Annie Miller,</i>	Trustee.

CITIZEN'S BASIC INCOME NETWORK SCOTLAND
A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Charity no. SC046356

POLICY STATEMENT AND OUTLINE WORK PLAN

Vision: a fairer, more just society, where every citizen receives a Citizen's Basic Income.

The **Mission** of the Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland is

'to advance research and public education about the economic and social effects and influences of Citizen's Basic Income systems (defined here as schemes which guarantee an unconditional, non-withdrawable income payable to every individual as a right of citizenship)'.

A Citizen's Basic Income (CBI) would provide every citizen with a universal, non-means-tested and unconditional basic income, replacing most of the current Social Security benefits and most of the current tax loopholes in the personal income tax system. Each feature of CBI can help to achieve several related objectives of welfare reform and wider social and economic policy, in the areas of:

- individual empowerment and choice;
- labour market efficiency;
- greater administrative simplicity;
- the prevention of poverty;
- a reduction in inequality of income, and
- the creation of a fairer, more supportive and inclusive society.

The more generous the scheme, the greater will be the potential fulfillment of these objectives.

The role of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland is to educate the general public, policy- and decision-makers about the desirability and feasibility of CBI schemes. Although the concept itself is relatively simple, implementation is fairly complex and technical. There is no single optimum CBI scheme. However, the better informed the public, the more likely they are to persuade decision-makers to establish a suitable CBI scheme for the benefit of society.

Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland will work to build awareness and support for CBI in Scotland, although full implementation would only be possible with devolution of full fiscal powers to the Scottish government.

During 2015 the founder trustees prepared the setting up of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland including the preparation of an 'Application to OSCR' to be granted SCIO status. During 2016 we will

- set up a business bank account;
- start to raise funds;
- set up a website and create a blog;
- recruit more trustees;
- recruit volunteers to help with our work;
- establish a contacts database;
- support publication of a CBI Handbook, written by Annie Miller;
- plan the launch and promotion of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland.

We plan to launch Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland in the early autumn of 2016 with the publication of the new book on CBI by Annie Miller, which will be promoted through a media release and other public relations activity.

Following its launch, the trustees of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland will develop its profile, reach and impact through:

- tailored communication for different audiences, occasions and media, including talks at events, to build awareness and understanding of CBI around Scotland;
- building a network of supporters;
- informing relevant public policy.

The trustees of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland will continue to fundraise to allow us to deliver our activities effectively. We plan to employ at least one member of staff once we have sufficient funds.

The successful launch of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland and delivery of our planned work will allow us to achieve our mission.

Founders of Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland:

Maddy Halliday
Annie Miller
Jon Shaw
Ben Simmons
Willie Sullivan

February 2016.