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The Chair of the Executive Committee BIEN

Dear Louise Haagh,

We are non-profit organization - social movement «Basic Income Russia TOMORROW» (hereinafter called «Movement»), which was created according to law of Russian Federation. We've got a charter of the Organization with an approved structure and decision-making procedure. The date of the creation of our movement is 04.09.2017. The movement is prohibited from engaging in commercial activities and making a profit.

The main goal of our movement is to inform the citizens of Russia Federation about the basic income. Also, education the general public about Basic Income (about a periodic cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement); to serve as a link between the individuals and groups committed to, or interested in, Basic Income; to stimulate and disseminate research about Basic Income; and to foster informed public discussion on «Basic Income throughout the world».

We are orienting on a national basis, therefore we are unite first of all citizens of Russia Federation. We are open to for entry into our social movement for any person which interested in Basic Income. Our participants in the movement are free in their actions. We are open to membership to everyone, even if they have different opinions on this issue. We do not prohibit the participants in the movement from participating in other movements, in other social or political activities.

We offer our point of view on the Basic income in Russia: the Basic income should be paid to all citizens of Russia Federation, in equal sum amounts, and every month. At the beginning of the stage, it should be at least 500 USA dollars per month. Basic income in Russia should be paid through the exploitation of natural resources: oil, gas, water, land, air resources and etc. And we encourage any discussion of Basic income as a whole and are not committed to one particular pattern of Basic income or to one particular method of financing. We are opened for wide discussions.

We are a politically neutral organization, in no way connected with any political parties, religious or commercial organizations. We do not impose the participants of the movement any ideological criteria, except for interest in the Basic Income.

We are ready to maintain constant contact with the Executive Committee of BIEN.

Since 2018 we will planing to hold regular events - conferences, meetings, discussions of different formats, newsletters or other publications. Social networks and the Internet as a whole will be involved.

Unfortunately, more than 90% of Russian citizens have never heard of this term - «Basic Income». They know nothing about experiments in Finland, Spain, Canada and Alaska and others. Many people think that this is a new form of corruption. And this is the first problem. The second problem - when citizens hear about the Basic Income in other countries, many don't believe that it can be. A large majority do not believe that it is possible to introduce a Basic Income in Russia Federation, even if it exists in other countries. They do not understand how the government can pay money to its citizens.

Russians people do not believe anyone today. They do not believe that their lives can change for the better. In 99% of Russian citizens, incomes are falling rapidly and the standard of living is deteriorating considerably.

But we are full of optimism and strength to start a big job in our big country. And we ask you to give us the opportunity to join your organization, to become a partner of BIEN. We are very interested in the experience of other countries that conduct or were conducted experiments on the introduction of Basic Income. And we are interesting any information on this topic.

Best regards,

Alexander Solovyev

The Chairman of the council of movement