**Resolution to call for CLOSER scrutiny of political donation history of U.S.-based venues when considering Democrats Abroad annual general meetings or other global meetings**

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WHEREAS, the practice of political spending, as determined by the U.S. Supreme Court, is a form of protected speech under the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, business entities donating to U.S. political candidates, parties, or causes are assumed to do so in order to influence political decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats Abroad member (or members) who secure the venue for each annual general meeting in the District of Columbia are commended for doing incredible work in the event’s early preparation stages; and

WHEREAS, Democrats Abroad holds an annual general meeting located in or around the District of Columbia every few years; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats Abroad 2014 annual general meeting in the District of Columbia was located at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats Abroad 2017 annual general meeting located in Arlington, Virginia was held at the Hyatt Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats Abroad 2019 annual general meeting located in the District of Columbia is held at The District Hotel; and

WHEREAS, resources exist to the public for the purpose of viewing past U.S. political expenditures by these hotels, corporations, and other businesses known for hosting formal meetings and conferences; and

WHEREAS, it is in Democrats Abroad’s best interest to check which potential global meeting venues have contributed to persons, parties, or caucuses outside of the Democratic Party’s interests; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats Abroad is encouraged to consider the political donation history of potential venues, in or around the District of Columbia area, before selecting a Democrats Abroad annual general meeting place or any other meeting where DPCA votes are expected.