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

Sponsored by Democrats Abroad Global Hispanic Caucus. Proposed by Will Prescott, DPCA Voting Representative, Democrats Abroad Mexico

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 outstanding work in the event’s early preparation stages; and

WHEREAS, Democrats Abroad regularly holds an annual general meeting located in or around the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, resources are available to the public for the purpose of ascertaining past U.S. political expenditure by these hotels, corporations, and other businesses known for hosting formal meetings and conferences; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats Abroad is encouraged to consider the political donation history of potential venues, in or in the vicinity of the District of Columbia, before selecting a Democrats Abroad annual general meeting place or any other meeting where DPCA voting will take place.