

September 23, 2020

To Management and the Board of Directors **International Campaign for Tibet** 1825 Jefferson Place, NW Washington, DC 20036

We have audited the financial statements of International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 23, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 6, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **Significant Audit Findings**

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by International Campaign for Tibet are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1, ICT changed accounting policies related to the recognition of revenue by adopting FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08, Not-for-Profit Entities: Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made in 2019. Accordingly, the accounting change has been applied on a modified prospective basis effective January 1, 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by ICT during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the joint cost allocation is based on an analysis of the joint cost activities that include a fundraising appeal. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allocation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the functional allocation of expenses is based on factors including, but not limited to: the number of paragraphs used for program versus fundraising and development in mailing; and salaries, benefits, payroll taxes and other expenses are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the functional allocation of expenses in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.





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Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of the availability of ICT's financial assets in Note 2 to the financial statements. Per the adoption of ASU 2016-14, ICT must disclose quantitative and qualitative information about the availability of and how it manages its liquid available resources to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date.

The disclosure of subsequent events in Note 13 to the financial statements, which discusses the economic uncertainties caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and the Paycheck Protection Program loan obtained by ICT in April 2020.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

## Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 23, 2020, a copy of which is attached.

## Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to ICT's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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## Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as ICT's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of International Campaign for Tibet and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the statement of functional expenses for year ended December 31, 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of September 23, 2020, the following representations made to you during your audit.

#### **Financial Statements**

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated February 6, 2020, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. We have also considered the COVID-19 pandemic occurring in 2020, and believe that its known effects on ICT's operations are sufficiently and accurately disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements.
- 8) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to ICT's accounts. In this case, no representation about uncorrected misstatements is necessary.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.



- 10) Significant estimates and material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Estimates related to the allocation of joint cost activities and the basis for the allocation of functional expenses have been appropriately accounted for and are reasonable.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which ICT is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

#### Information Provided

- 12) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the ICT from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 13) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 14) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Organization and involves:
  - a) Management,
  - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 16) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting ICT's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
- 17) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 18) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 19) We have disclosed to you the identity of the ICT's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 20) ICT has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except assets pledged as collateral for the BB&T Note Payable.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.
- 22) International Campaign for Tibet is an exempt organization under Section (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize ICT's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 23) In regard to the nonattest services performed by you, we have—



a) Assumed all management responsibilities

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- b) Designated an individual (within senior management) with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
- c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
- d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

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