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To: Joanna Aviles, Spokesperson, Bohio Atabei Caribbean Indigenous Women's Circle

Re: Receipt of June 4, 2021 letter from Bohio Atabei Caribbean Indigenous Women's Circle

Taigüei (Greetings):

This communication serves a receipt of your June 4th, 2021 letter and the acceptance of the resignation of the Bohio Atabei Caribbean Indigenous Women's Circle from the Governing Board of the United Confederation of Taíno People (UCTP). This communication also serves as an acknowledgement and acceptance of the withdrawal of Caney Quinto Mundo and Iukaieke Agüeiní from the UCTP's affiliate member program.

As the Bohio Atabei chose to distribute this June 4th resignation communication publicly, this UCTP communication seeks to clarify several misrepresentations and allegations promoted in your communication, which could potentially mislead interested parties.

1. Contrary to your claim, of the organizations mentioned, only the Bohio Atabei Caribbean Indigenous Women's Circle held a governing board member seat at the time of your resignation on June 4th. The Caney Quinto Mundo was removed from the board due to lack of participation and communication. Our meeting minutes affirm that this vote was unanimous, with no objections nor abstentions. Please note that Bohio Atabei's representative attending the December 28 meeting joined the other board members voting to remove Caney Quinto Mundo from the UCTP's Governing Board.

2. An additional entity referred to in your communication, Presencia Taína, has not been a member of the UCTP since 2011. This board seat has since been held by Presencia Taina.TV, a separate entity.

3. It is well documented that the UCTP has supported Bohio Atabei on many issues, programs, and campaigns over the years, one most recent example being the UCTP's endorsement and representative participation in the 2019 and 2020 Children's Areito organized by the Bohio Atabei.

4. Your June 4th communication also alleges several other points of dissatisfaction leading to your withdrawals including lack of regular meetings and other issues. The UCTP document archives do not support these claims.

After 20 years of well documented work, it is a natural evolution of organizations and collectives to change representatives and members over its existence. While the UCTP is proud of the

positive work it has achieved with the Bohio Atabei, it should be noted that there has been increasing tensions regarding the Bohio's membership. This tension arises as a result of a series of derogatory and inflammatory postings against several individuals and organizations both in the Caribbean and the Diaspora (including the UCTP on May 16th 2020) made by the Bohio Atabei's representative to the UCTP. The Bohio also recently violated the UCTP's Founding Declaration by claiming organizational dominance and exclusivity over interactions with an educational entity with whom the UCTP was engaging in good-faith partnership Bohio Atabei.

In the spirit of our ancestors, the UCTP's Governing Board practiced compassion and leniency in these cases in recognition of the recent, life threatening illness, COVID 19, affecting the Bohio Atabei's representative to the UCTP's Governing Board. As you are aware, following the public announcement from a relative of the Bohio Atabei's representative, the UCTP along with many concerned parties, assisted in raising the visibility of this critical situation calling for community prayers, ceremonies, and support. We still pray that this representative achieves complete physical, emotional, and psychological healing and recovery.

In closing, the UCTP Governing Board remains open to respectful dialogue now or in the future.

Hahom (thank you),

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Múkaró Borrero".

R. Múkaró Borrero,
President, UCTP