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PRESS INFORMATION

FLOCERT welcomes its Impartiality Committee

Bonn, 16 November 2026. FLOCERT is pleased to announce the second term of its independent Impartiality Committee, which meets today in Bonn, Germany. Bringing together independent experts and stakeholders, the committee will examine key aspects of FLOCERT's systems and processes to ensure impartiality remains at the heart of its certification activities and decision-making.

Following a rigorous selection process, five professionals were appointed to the Committee for the next three years: **Esteban Badilla, Helene Desanlis, Tobias Menne, Clara Segón and Jennifer von Walderdorff**.

The members bring extensive expertise in sustainability standards, assurance systems, governance, auditing, evidence assessment and certification. Their backgrounds from certification bodies, the agricultural and textile sectors, and consumer research, ensure a diversity of relevant perspectives that gives the Committee an ideal basis for its work.

As an important governance mechanism, the Committee provides independent external oversight and advice on FLOCERT's impartiality, while the responsibility for maintaining impartiality remains with FLOCERT's management. The Committee reviews risks of undue commercial or other influence, advises on relevant policies and principles, and helps ensure transparency and trust in certification processes.

"The Impartiality Committee plays a critical role in maintaining confidence in the integrity of our certification activities," said Dr. Thorsten Niklas, FLOCERT CEO. *"We welcome this highly qualified group of professionals whose experience and perspectives will help reinforce the credibility, transparency and robustness of our work."*

With this strong independent Impartiality Committee, FLOCERT underlines its ongoing commitment to impartiality, accountability and continuous improvement across its certification services.

FLOCERT is one of the leading global assurance providers. Besides providing certification to Fairtrade, FLOCERT offers certification and verification as well as customised sustainability to support companies in their ethical business transformation. With seven international offices conducting business in around 120 countries, FLOCERT specialises in combining global reach with local expertise for its ca. 6,000 customers. FLOCERT remains mission-driven and dedicated to working with all types of organisations, from small-scale producers to internationally recognised brands, to promote fairness in global trade.

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