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Dear Tsadra,

I feel that Nayeli Anguerin is a particularly worthwhile candidate for help towards her three-year retreat.

I am part of the Padmakara Translation Group, have completed two three year retreats and was closely involved in the running of the Centre d'Etudes de Chanteloube for a number of years

I know her mainly from discussions and collaboration concerning translation from Tibetan. In the long term she is keen to work in this field. She is already fluent in spoken Tibetan.

I have also had the opportunity to observe her in other contexts and have noticed that she has a strong commitment to help others. She has just moved to Dordogne to commit fully to the preparations for the retreat, but when she was in Paris she would constantly welcome Tibetans and other people to stay in her modest apartment.

She seems to be particularly stable, always cheerful and positive, with a determination to see through what she needs to do. I think she would be well adapted to living in a community. She has a serious commitment to the Dharma and a strong wish to practice which is not, as far as I can see, mixed with unrealistic fantasies about what can be achieved.

She has already put considerable effort in raising funds and has part of what is needed, and only needs partial funding now.

In our community Tulku Pema Wangyal Rinpoche and Jigme Khyentse Rinpoche do not give official and definitive written (or in general unwritten) advance acceptances for the retreats. Everything locks into place at the last moment. This is their teaching style and not a reflection on the candidates.

I hope that this is useful.

Thank you for your work

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