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Support Letter – Osmocom Project

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal support for the Osmocom project and the team at sysmocom who oversee and support it. Rhizomatica is an international NGO headquarted in the USA, founded in 2009, whose mission is to make alternative telecommunications infrastructure possible for people around the world dealing with oppressive regimes, the threat of natural disaster, or the reality of living in a place deemed too poor or isolated to cover.

We have been actively using and contributing to the Osmocom project since around 2013. These contributions have been financial in nature and have also entailed developing, sharing and testing code, as well as general participation in the vibrant Osmocom open-source community. Sysmocom also donates developer time and provides advice to Rhizomatica in order to ensure we are able to better use and take advantage of their software in the community contexts in which we work around the world.

Simply put, we would be unable to do our work without Osmocom. The technological solutions being developed as part of the Osmocom "family" are of the upmost importance in the alternative telecommunications space and are a key enabler for our group, those we support, and many dozens of other organizations and individuals around the world doing research on and deploying mobile networks. Without their presence, there would be few, if any, real choices for those wanting to build their own networks or truly understand how the mobile networks that billions of people use every day actually work and what their vulnerabilities are.

I appreciate your time and am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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