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Dear friends of CUP FOR EDUCATION:

I am Rosa Gutierrez, I am 23 years old and I am in the first year of the technical bachelor course at the Technical Highschool La Bastilla, Jinotega.

When I am not at the school, I live with my parents and brothers and sisters, we are a very united family. I have eight siblings in the family, all of them older and they have their own families already. In addition my mom has adopted 3 of my cousins, therefore we are a total of 12 children in this family. 4 are still single (myself and the cousins). We are a very simple family and we love working and be friendly with others.

My experience in school: when I was a little girl, I left primary school because the school was very far away and I was afraid of math, but some time later I overcame this fear and tried to keep going. Since the school at La Bastilla opened, I never stopped attending school. Before that, i had to walk a long way to another community. Today i feel very happy and with lots of energy to

continue to study. Now i am i the first grade of the bachelor course (= 9th grade) and i feel quite secure of what i really want to be.

Since I entered the Technical Highschool at La Bastilla i have learned to love the work in the field and i have learned a lot about nature and the importance of agriculture. Besides this, i have gotten to know many different persons and many of them have shared their knowledge. Here I am, because i learn about animals and coffee growing which is of high interest to me.

My dream is to finish my studies and graduate as Agronomy Engineer with a specialization in coffee business, in order to help my family.

Many thanks for your great support. Hope to see you soon.