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**Statement from the ISKCON North America Regional Governing Body (NA RGB)
Regarding the Service of Vaiṣṇavī Dīkṣā-Gurus (VDG)**

The ISKCON North America Regional Governing Body (NA RGB) wishes to address the devotees of North America regarding recent developments on the topic of Vaiṣṇavī dīkṣā-gurus (VDG).

As loyal members of ISKCON, we maintain deep respect for the authority and leadership of the Governing Body Commission (GBC), which serves as the ultimate managing authority of our society as established by our Founder-Acharya, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda. Our desire is always to work cooperatively within ISKCON's governance structure in a spirit of service and unity.

Recently, the NA RGB met with members of the global GBC Executive Committee to express our concerns regarding recent decisions related to the subject of Vaiṣṇavī dīkṣā-gurus. We are grateful for the opportunity to respectfully share the unanimous perspectives and concerns of the NA RGB, and we remain committed to dialogue conducted in a respectful and constructive spirit.

We wish to affirm that the NA RGB stands in support of VDG. This view reflects years of discussion, study, and consultation, and expresses our conviction that qualified Vaiṣṇavīs giving initiation is consistent with the mood of our previous ācāryas, with the teachings and example of Śrīla Prabhupāda, and with the broader Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava tradition, including practices presently observed within the Gauḍīya Maṭha.

We also note with appreciation the thoughtful statement issued by leaders in Latin America on March 10, 2026, whose reflections echo many of the same concerns and aspirations felt within North America. We feel aligned with the spirit and conclusions expressed in their communication.

Our February 1, 2026 statement expressed the NA RGB's regional position on this matter, however we continue to work cooperatively with the GBC toward a resolution. North America remains deeply concerned about the VDG issue, and we continue to believe that engaging qualified Vaiṣṇavīs in the service of initiating disciples is important for the healthy growth and development of Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement in this part of the world. We look

forward to the expeditious establishment of policies and procedures within ISKCON that facilitate the service of Vaiṣṇavī dīkṣā-gurus.

We offer this statement in a spirit of humility, loyalty to Śrīla Prabhupāda, respect for the GBC, and sincere concern for the unity and flourishing of ISKCON.

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