



## CoDA Service Conference 2023 Motion Form

### Motion – Spanish Outreach

**Submitted Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due 75 day prior to CoDA Service Conference (CSC)

**Motion Number: 3**

**Revision #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Revision Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due 60 day prior to CoDA Service Conference (CSC)

**MOTION NAME:** Eliminate the last paragraph from the 6th FAQ, **Can my group use non-CoDA Service Conference endorsed literature?**”.

**Motion:** Delete the final paragraph of the answer to the Frequently Asked Question **Can my group use non-CoDA Service Conference endorsed literature?** (<https://coda.org/faqs/>), as it causes confusion and violates the First, Fourth and Sixth Traditions.

*“Each meeting is autonomous and may choose, through the group conscience process, to use non-CoDA literature, provided that it be clearly stated, before and after the reading of such literature, ‘This is not CoDA-endorsed literature.’ This will prevent confusion between CoDA Conference-endorsed literature and commercial literature on codependence.”*

**Intent, background, other pertinent information:** Motion 22083 clarified that to be registered officially as a CoDA group, no outside literature may be used and that *Co-Dependents Anonymous* is an essential part of meeting literature. Therefore, the paragraph cited above violates Tradition Six. As the *Workbook of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* states, “*We are a Twelve Step Fellowship, and therefore we do not endorse books, programs or individuals outside of the Fellowship.*”

Furthermore, the Fourth Tradition – *Each group is autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or CoDA as a whole* – shows that *group autonomy does not apply where the use of literature is concerned*. Because the use of outside literature causes confusion among newcomers and produces incorrect ideas about what the CoDA program is, it ultimately affects CoDA unity and so the paragraph is in violation of the First Tradition.

**Remarks:** This motion requests the elimination of the above-quoted paragraph from both [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org) and [www.coda.org/es](http://www.coda.org/es)

**This motion requires changes to: (please check any that apply)**

**Bylaws**                       **FSM P1**                       **FSM P2**  
 **FSM P3**                       **FSM P4**                       **FSM P5**  
 **Change of Responsibility**                       **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Data Entry Use Only)**

**Motion result:** \_\_\_\_\_

