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# Communication with EU Delegation in Bissau – Part I

*October 11, 2021, to November 26, 2021*

**From:** Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>
**Sent:** 11 October 2021 11:04
**To:** VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>
**Cc:** PANTALEONI Montse (EEAS-BISSAU) <montse.pantaleoni@eeas.europa.eu>
**Subject:** Urgent queries - Vozes do Povo project

Dear Paloma,

I am writing to convey a rather urgent query related to our efforts to wrap up the *Vozes do Povo* project. Two issues are of a particular concern.

1. Next week we plan to send you the PDF of the book so the EUD can review it and approve its publication. To organize our work and travel schedule, we would like to get a better sense as to how long it would take to review the manuscript. We expect the book to be about 300 pages, with many graphs and tables. Knowing the number of days it would take to review it will allow us to plan our next activities.

2. In our contract with the DUE we agreed to print 600 copies of the book for distribution in Guinea-Bissau. DEMOS, however, would like to print an additional 400 copies, to be paid by DEMOS. We believe the book will be a classic on Guinea-Bissau and are keen to ensure its wide availability. DEMOS is committed to printing the book in Paraguay, for both financial and logistical reasons. Our plan is to transport between 350 and 400 copies of the book for the presentation in Bissau, as extra luggage. The remaining 200 to 250 copies would be sent as cargo. Hence the following three queries:
Could the DUE please authorize the additional printing of 400 copies of the book?

Can we ship the load of 200 to 250 copies of the book directly to the DUE in Bissau?
If we send this cargo by ship, the most accessible option for DEMOS, would we have to wait for the cargo to arrive in Bissau to finalize the contract with the DUE or would it suffice to show proof of the shipment made? I ask this, because our team is quite eager to close the contract as soon as possible.

Your answers to these questions will allow us to clarify our next steps and timeline, especially our travel plans.

Upon your return to Bissau, we can agree to a date for the presentation of the book and other activities related to the closing of the project.

I appreciate the kind response to these questions.

Kind regards, Miguel

On Mon, Oct 11, 2021 at 2:33 PM PANTALEONI Montse (EEAS-BISSAU) <montse.pantaleoni@eeas.europa.eu> wrote:

Dear Miguel,

I understand that you are under pressure but I am not sure Paula, in the absence of Paloma, will be able to support you as we have to check if there are budget implications to what you are proposing and she is very busy with other files. Paloma is back next Monday and can assist you.

Sorry I cannot help you with the number of copies we need 250, I have not see the book and 300 pages sounds long.

I can agree to the additional printing of 400 copies of the book as **DEMOS will pay for them and will have zero budget implications.**

All the best, kind regards,

Montse

**Closing the Vozes do Povo project**

Mon, Oct 18, 2021, 1:00 PM

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>**

to PANTALEONI, VELASCO, BARROS

Dear Paloma,

Thank you for our good conversation last Friday.

As promised, I am writing to follow up on our exchange regarding our efforts to wrap up the *Vozes do Povo* project. These are the issues that were discussed in our talk, and on which you mentioned a desire to consult with your colleagues at the Delegation.

1. In our contract with the DUE we agreed to print 600 copies of the book for distribution in Guinea-Bissau. We are grateful for Montse Pantaleoni's authorization to print an additional 400 copies, to be paid fully by DEMOS, as noted in her October 11 email, posted below. We believe the book will be a classic on Guinea-Bissau and are keen to ensure its wide availability.

For both financial and logistical reasons, DEMOS is committed to printing the book in Paraguay. Our plan is to transport around 350 copies of the book for the presentation in Bissau, as extra luggage. The remaining 250 copies would be sent as cargo. Hence the following three queries:

(a) Can we ship the load of 250 book copies directly to the DUE in Bissau?

(b) If we send this cargo by ship, the most accessible option for DEMOS, would we have to wait for the cargo to arrive in Bissau to finalize the contract with the DUE or would it suffice to show proof of the shipment made? I ask this, because our team is quite eager to close the contract as soon as possible.

(c) Can DEMOS sell the 400 book copies printed at its expense? We believe

using a market mechanism will help ensure wider distribution of the book. The earnings made would be used to cover printing, transport, and book promotion activities in Europe, particularly Portugal.

2. Given that we will be transporting the books to Guinea-Bissau from overseas, would it be possible for the Delegation to issue a letter explaining that the books will be donated in this country, as they are the result of an EU supported project? This documentation would help us deal with customs.

3. Finally, regarding the book launch in Bissau, we would like to know if this could be organized sometime between November 17 and 19?

As noted in our conversation, during our November visit to Bissau we will be holding the last project workshop with local journalists. This will be a two-day event to foster awareness of the *Vozes do Povo* initiative and encourage Guinean journalists to use and disseminate the information generated through our research. We look forward to learning more about the Media Foundation in West Africa project in Guinea-Bissau and ways in which we can collaborate in their support for press freedoms and integrity.

Your answers to the queries above will allow us to clarify our next steps and timeline, especially our travel plans to Bissau.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Best regards, Miguel

**VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>** Thu, Oct 21, 2021, 6:06 PM

to me, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Miguel,

Thank you for your message. Let me I apologise once again for the delay in my replies, as I had to confirm certain elements with the relevant services at the EU Delegation.
Please, find below, in red, our replies. And do not hesitate to ask for any other clarifications or details we may have at this stage.

We look forward to receive the book, which we consider already as a work of great social and political interest, and one positive step towards a more democratic and engaged citizenship in Guinea-Bissau.

Recibe un saludo,

**Paloma VELASCO VELASCO**
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**From:** Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>
**Sent:** 18 October 2021 10:01
**To:** PANTALEONI Montse (EEAS-BISSAU) <montse.pantaleoni@eeas.europa.eu>
**Cc:** VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>; BARROS LEITE Paula (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paula.BARROS-LEITE@eeas.europa.eu>
**Subject:** Closing the Vozes do Povo project

Dear Paloma,

Thank you for our good conversation last Friday.

As promised, I am writing to follow up on our exchange regarding our efforts to wrap up the *Vozes do Povo* project. These are the issues that were discussed in our talk, and on which you mentioned a desire to consult with your colleagues at the Delegation.

1. In our contract with the DUE we agreed to print 600 copies of the book for distribution in Guinea-Bissau. We are grateful for Montse Pantaleoni's authorization to print an additional 400 copies, to be paid fully by DEMOS, as noted in her October 11 email, posted below. We believe the book will be a classic on Guinea-Bissau and are keen to ensure its wide availability.

For both financial and logistical reasons, DEMOS is committed to printing the book in Paraguay. Our plan is to transport around 350 copies of the book for the presentation in Bissau, as extra luggage. The remaining 250 copies would be sent as cargo. Hence the following three queries:

(a) Can we ship the load of 250 book copies directly to the DUE in Bissau? Yes, as far as we know what we will do with them, and for how long the books will stay in our house. How long/how many days will these copies stay in the EUD? Who will be in charge of distributing them after we receive them?

(b) If we send this cargo by ship, the most accessible option for DEMOS, would we have to wait for the cargo to arrive in Bissau to finalize the contract with the DUE or would it suffice to show proof of the shipment made? I ask this, because our team is quite eager to close the contract as soon as possible. If the meaning of 'close the contract' is to send us the final report and invoice and to be paid even we haven't received all the products as stated in the contract, having consulted our contracts & finance section, the answer is negative.

(c) Can DEMOS sell the 400 book copies printed at its expense? We believe using a market mechanism will help ensure wider distribution of the book. The earnings made would be used to cover printing, transport, and book promotion activities in Europe, particularly Portugal. Please, check article 14) of the general conditions. I would not be possible to sell a product that is EU 'property' and get 'profit', but as article 14 refers to a prior consent of contracting authority' we will confirm about 'profit' with the support in headquarters.

2. Given that we will be transporting the books to Guinea-Bissau from overseas, would it be possible for the Delegation to issue a letter explaining that the books will be donated in this country, as they are the result of an EU supported project? This documentation would help us deal with customs. The EUD had a similar experience with

another project. We will work with the CAON (Cedula de Apoio ao Ordenaçao Nacional) and draft a letter of request , in order to avoid taxation in the GB port. Please find attached a letter we used in the past on *isenções fiscais e aduaneiras*, and confirm that it is indeed what you requested.

3. Finally, regarding the book launch in Bissau, we would like to know if this could be organized sometime between November 17 and 19? Yes. As discussed on the phone, you can count on the presence of the EU, at least at cooperation level. I will pass the message the EU Ambassador too. Kindly confirm the exact date when possible.

As noted in our conversation, during our November visit to Bissau we will be holding the last project workshop with local journalists. This will be a two-day event to foster awareness of the *Vozes do Povo* initiative and encourage Guinean journalists to use and disseminate the information generated through our research. We look forward to learning more about the Media Foundation in West Africa project in Guinea-Bissau and ways in which we can collaborate in their support for press freedoms and integrity.

I discussed with MFWA on Monday and they are also interested in knowing more about your own intervention and organization. Find their contact if you wish to reach them:

- [redacted] (Director of the organization)
- [redacted] and [redacted] coordinating the particular project in GB :

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MEDIA FREEDOM AND ACCESS TO QUALITY INFORMATION IN GUINEA BISSAU

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Oct 25, 2021, 1:09 PM

to VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Paloma,

Thanks for your good response to our queries.

Allow me to respond to your questions.

<u>On book storage and distribution</u>

We will be happy to ensure wide distribution of the book in Guinea-Bissau. We have tentative plans to present it at the National Assembly, in which case we could leave 102 copies of the books there, one for each deputy. We will be giving workshops for journalists and distributing among them. We plan to give copies of the books to all the main political parties in the country, relevant NGOs, and present the study at universities, etc. In sum, there will be no shortage of hands for the book. To the contrary, we believe there will be a shortage of books, given the strong potential demand for a copy of the volume.

So, once you receive the books you can keep a portion for distributions the EUD will wish to make and hand the rest to Carlos Cardoso for distributions by DEMOS and CESAC, our partner organization.

On project closure

We will get all the books delivered to Bissau by the end of November so we can wrap up the project soon thereafter.

On the printing and distribution of an additional 400 copies at DEMOS' expense

As you know, DEMOS is a non-profit-oriented organization. But we would like to recover the costs of the additional book prints, shipping, and promotional activities. As far as we understand, "recovering costs" is not the same thing as "making a profit."

In Guinea-Bissau (and elsewhere) there are several NGOs and community organizations that receive EU-funding and then use it to generate products that can be sold in a market setting. Most of them are basically recovering their added costs. So, it would be good if we could somehow classify it as one of these instances.

Our main concern, however, is this. We would like to see our book as widely distributed as possible and placed in top libraries around the world. The only feasible way to achieve this, however, is to have a distributor promote and sell the book to university and national libraries around the world, especially in Europe and the United States. This would make our book available to researchers and students in different parts of the globe.

Again, this would not be a profit-oriented activity, but rather one that would rely on market mechanisms to ensure that the book is widely distributed. On issues of this kind, the market is, by far, the most efficient allocator of resources. Any revenue obtained here would help us recover our printing and shipping costs, which means there would be no profit involved.

In sum, we are asking the EUD to appreciate the value of market instruments to facilitate the distribution of our book, and with it, greater global awareness of Guinea-Bissau and the unique research project carried out in this country with EUD support.

On the letter for customs authority

Thank you for your kind offer to prepare this letter. The model you sent seems to be adequate for authorities in Guinea-Bissau.

Since we will be printing the book in Paraguay and transporting it through Brazil, it would be helpful to have a more generic letter in Spanish and Portuguese to present to customs authorities in either country. One that states the name of the book, our organization, and the fact that the books are being transported to Bissau as part of an EU-funded project and will be donated there. If you prefer, I can draft and translate this letter. This will be very helpful as we transport the

books to Bissau in time for their presentation and project closure.

On the book launch date

As noted in our recent conversation, our plans are to **present the book in Bissau on November 18**. We will need to make sure that everything runs smoothly in terms of the printing. Assuming it does, that will be our big day.

Thanks for your kind consideration on these matters.

Best wishes, Miguel

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Fri, Nov 5, 2021, 4:50 AM

to VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Paloma,

I would appreciate your kind response to this email and the one sent earlier today inquiring about your feedback on the first part of the book.

Many thanks, Miguel

**PANTALEONI Montse (EEAS-BISSAU) <montse.pantaleoni@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 5, 2021, 10:41 AM

to **SCHLEDE**, me, VELASCO, BARROS

Dear Paloma,
Good morning!
Would be great to give feedback to Miguel today on the book please. I am not sure if the 18/11 date stays for the launch but if printing has to be done time is getting short.
Pls book agenda for EUD representation at the event.
Kind regards,
Montse
Sent from my iPhone

**SCHLEDE Simona (EEAS-BISSAU) <Simona.SCHLEDE@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 5, 2021, 11:45 AM

to me, VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Miguel,

Please accept our apologies for the delay in our reply which is certainly not due to lack of interest, but simply for a series of unexpected events, which have been demanding both my and Paloma's full attention.

Indeed, having watched with a lot of interest this project evolve and having had the pleasure to participate in a number of your enthusing presentations here in the EUD, I actually also wanted to have a chance for at least having a diagonal reading.

Therefore, please rest assured, that we fully support your ambition for publication and will promise to give you feedback this Monday, so as to allow you to getting ready for the 18th – occasion on which the EUD will be pleased and honoured to participate.

Thanks for your kind understanding,
Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Best regards,
Simona
**Simona SCHLEDE, PhD**
Chefe de Cooperação
**Delegação da União Europeia junto da República da Guiné-Bissau**

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Nov 8, 2021, 6:52 AM

to SCHLEDE, VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Simona,

Thanks for your kind email and interest in reading our book manuscript.

Attached please find the second part of the book, minus chapter 8, which is still going through a final round of revision. In addition, we are updating the three graphs on party and gender politics in chapter 12. We will send these updates very soon. Our graphic designer will be making minor adjustments, as well, to make sure all is well standardized in the final presentation.

We trust you will appreciate the level of effort and painstaking concern for detail involved.

We believe these texts can do much to help elevate the quality of public conversations in Guinea-Bissau and assessment of the country's public life .

Best regards, Miguel

**VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 8, 2021, 4:47 PM

to me, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Miguel,

I hope you are doing well. Once again, thank you very much for your patience. I confirm that we have well received the second part of the book, and take note on the pending updates in chapters 12 and 18. We will likewise send you our comments on this second part asap.

Besides, Simona and I would like to pass our congratulations to you on this enthusiastic reading. It definitely provides us with wealth of information and useful recommendations for our way ahead under the current identification/formulation phases. This, including some concrete ideas and synergies to be considered in our Multiannual Implementation Plan (MIP) and alia thematic instruments for cooperation (namely under the ‘human rights and democracy-EIDHR’ and ‘support to civil society organizations-CSO’).

For information, and with the permission of my colleagues to write in our mother tongue for the sake of clarity and celerity, I would like to reflect here some notes that have particularly caught

my interest, and which link to our development objectives for the coming years:

- Me parece particularmente relevante considerar y profundizar en la idea de que o "*87% do povo pensa que a rivalidade entre os partidos pode conduzir a conflictos violentos*" (p.27). No sé si os comentamos anteriormente que, entre nuestras intervenciones inmediatas, incluiremos un proyecto de Prevención del Radicalismo y del Extremismo Violento (PREV) en Guinea-Bissau.

Para ello hemos adoptado una perspectiva, insisto, de prevención, a partir de dos ejes de intervención; uno que afectaría directamente al programa y la oferta de educación nacionales, y otro que pasaría por la creación de un observatorio nacional de PREV. Es en este último, probablemente, que el desarrollo de aquella idea sería de mayor utilidad.
Esta temática, aunque algo novedosa en el contexto concreto de intervenciones en GB, ofrece un seguimiento a un programa previo a nivel regional –PPREV-, y que fue impulsado por el equipo regional de Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI) de la UE. En GB, este programa previo sirvió para sentar las bases de estudio del contexto en un primer diagnóstico realizado por investigadores del INEP (y del que probablemente ya estéis al tanto, por nuestros encuentros previos en la Delegación).

- También me gustaría remarcar el importante esfuerzo y precisión en reflejar el impacto de género en cada una de las temáticas.

La UE acaba de lanzar este año una nueva política en el ámbito de igualdad de género y empoderamiento femenino, el PAG/GAP III, aún más ambiciosa en cuanto a sus compromisos y su impacto mesurable en todas las intervenciones de acción exterior (el 85% de todas las nuevas acciones tendrán la igualdad de género como objetivo significativo o principal, con al menos un 5% de ellas con la igualdad de género y los derechos y el empoderamiento de las mujeres y las niñas como objetivo principal). En seguimiento de esta nueva política, a nivel de GB, estamos preparando un Perfil de Genero país, que deberá impregnar toda nuestra nueva programación, también a nivel político. Sin duda, las conclusiones de 'Vozes do Povo' serán tenidas en cuenta esta reflexión, contribuyendo ulteriormente a construir nuestras intervenciones en este ámbito.

Y me paro aquí, aunque podría extenderme mucho más por los impactos constructivos que la obra podrá tener en temas centrales para la acción exterior de la UE, como la migración o la promoción de la gobernanza democrática.

On another note, I wanted to ask you about the organization of the presentation. Can we count on the **18/11** as a fix date? Could you give me any more details at this stage?

Kind regards,
Paloma

**Paloma VELASCO VELASCO**
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**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Nov 16, 2021, 5:25 AM

to VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Paloma,

Thanks for your recent email.

I will be happy to discuss the substantive points raised when we meet in Bissau shortly.

We have been obsessed with taking care of the innumerous details involved in publishing our *Vozes do Povo* book.

Attached please find our chapter 12 with the promised graphs. The text is identical to the one sent on November 8, with the rest of part II of the book.

We are putting together the final design on our chapter 8, the only one still pending. We expect to email this to the EUD in Bissau by Wednesday.

We would like to get the final book manuscript sent to the printer on Friday, November 19. In which case, it would be great if you could give us the authorization to publish the manuscript by that date, at the latest.

Once we do this, we will have a clear sense of the time it will take to print the book (about a week) and travel from Paraguay to Bissau with 600 copies of the book.

So, by the end of the week we should be able to establish a firm date for the book presentation in Bissau. Our best estimate now would be for the week of November 29 – December 3, at which time we would also carry out our workshop with local journalists.

We apologize for the added delay. We hope to make up with high-end quality of our publication and a successful book launch in Bissau.

Thank you for your kind patience and consideration.

Best wishes, Miguel

**VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 16, 2021, 12:15 PM

to me, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Miguel,
Thank you for your feedback. It is well received.
Let me assure you that I will do my best to finish the revision of the book by 19 November, as you requested.

Recibe un saludo,

**Paloma VELASCO VELASCO**
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**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Nov 19, 2021, 2:59 AM

to VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Paloma,

Thank you for your kind note.

We will have the last chapter in by tomorrow, Friday. It is a highly original piece on Guinea-Bissau´s society, with novel information on this country and many graphs to illustrate key points.

It would be great if you could give us the green light to publish the manuscript by Monday, November 22, when we will have everything ready to submit to the printer.

Many, many thanks, Miguel

**VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 19, 2021, 11:29 AM

to me, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Miguel, good morning

OK, then please send it to me today before COB and I will focus on it during the weekend.

Kind regards,

**Paloma VELASCO VELASCO**
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***WhatsApp Exchange with Paloma Velasco***

November 19, 2021

[6:39 pm, 19/11/2021] Miguel Carter: Hola Paloma, espero que todo esté bien contigo. Nuestro capítulo 8. Estamos haciendo una última corrección en la diagramación. Te enviaremos el PDF en los próximos 40 minutos. Saludos desde Paraguay

[7:30 pm, 19/11/2021] Miguel Carter: Hola Paloma, te acabé de enviar el capítulo prometido. Gracias por la buena lectura este final de semana. Saludos, Miguel

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Fri, Nov 19, 2021, 7:29 PM

to VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Paloma,

Enclosed please find the Chapter 8 on Guinean society for our Vozes do Povo book.

With this, you have the entire manuscript of the book.

Please give us the green light on Monday so we can start printing the book right away.

Many thanks and best regards, Miguel

**SCHLEDE Simona (EEAS-BISSAU) <Simona.SCHLEDE@eeas.europa.eu>** Fri, Nov 19, 2021, 8:16 PM

to me, VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Thanks a lot, looking forward to more interesting reading!

**Simona SCHLEDE, PhD**
Chefe de Cooperação
**Delegação da União Europeia junto da República da Guiné-Bissau**

**Miguel Carter <miguelcarter.4@gmail.com>** Mon, Nov 22, 2021, 10:41 PM

to SCHLEDE, VELASCO, BARROS, PANTALEONI

Dear Paloma,

Could you kindly confirm the 'green light' to publish the Vozes do Povo book manuscript?

We would like to move ahead with this as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kind support.

Best regards, Miguel

**VELASCO Paloma (EEAS-BISSAU) <Paloma.VELASCO-VELASCO@eeas.europa.eu>** Nov 23, 2021, 11:47 AM

to me, PANTALEONI, SCHLEDE

Dear Miguel,
As the book is more extensive than expected in principle, and we are literally in the worse period of the year in terms of workload, I will have to ask you to stay patient with us for a little longer.
What exact date do you have in mind for the presentation? Would you consider to postpone it to January, for example?

Regards

**Paloma VELASCO VELASCO**
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***WhatsApp Exchange with Paloma Velasco***

November 26, 2021

[0:40 pm, 26/11/2021] [redacted]: Buenos días, Miguel.

Dime por favor si tienes disponibilidad para una llamada.

Un saludo
Paloma

[2:40 pm, 26/11/2021] Miguel Carter: Hola Paloma, si, puedo hablar ahora. Saludos

[2:49 pm, 26/11/2021] [redacted]: Vale te llamo

** This is followed by a phone conversation between Paloma Velasco and Miguel Carter, where she explains the EU Delegation's delay in authorizing the book publication. Paloma notes there are some concerns over the fact that the book examines political affairs in Guinea-Bissau. Miguel explains that this is a well-

known fact about the Voices of the People study, since 2018, when the public opinion survey was made. He insists on the need to publish the book so that DEMOS can close its contract with the EU. Both discuss the possibility of printing the book in early December and holding the public book presentation in January. Miguel insists getting the book to the print shop as soon as possible.