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In regard to my candidacy

Undertaking the function would indeed be something new for me, for what I am open and look forward to learn. Still, it's also a new position I would like to step into with the same work philosophy and focus I have had the last years in IFSW Europe. In this regard, I aim to continue the work that I am already committed to, which could be summarized in three main points:

1. Commitment to the Autonomy and Independence of IFSW Europe:

Continue to work on our empowerment and autonomy, and collaborate with other regions, fostering a cooperative environment that respects the unique characteristics of each region and supports their autonomy, independence, and freedom (also of action).

2. Promoting Human Rights at the Forefront:

As a Human Rights profession, social work has a responsibility to address the pressing issues and challenges Europe currently faces: the rise of populism and far-right politics, global warming and climate-related issues (such as environmental rights, climate inequality, energy poverty, or resource access), racism, xenophobia, homophobia, armed conflicts, etc.

3. Strengthening cooperations:

Work to reinforce collaboration with other European institutions and organizations, such as the FRA, to advance the aforementioned objectives.

I plan to do this together with all of you: colleagues from the Human Rights Network, Executive Committee Members, Representatives, IFSW Global Commissioners, and delegates from the various organizations represented here.

I do not view this candidacy and voting process as a competition but rather as a work assignment and a mandate; based on the Work Program approved by our member organizations, and the strategies we collectively wish to pursue.

With this in mind, I feel prepared to take on this responsibility and to work to the best of my abilities for the continued development and strengthening of social work in Europe, as well as for the autonomy of our region.

Thank you

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