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To: Edith Lommerse, universitywomeneurope@gmail.com

Dear President,

I express my **interest in the position of Vice President of the UWE**, starting in September 2014.

My experience in working in a European team is wide and I have always enjoyed it, especially sharing views for constructive action, organising debates and disseminating reports to get a clear knowledge for an evidence-based policy. I have been working within my national association (NFA), which I joined because I am interested in lobbying for equal opportunities in all aspects of society for women and men.

I know that the board has two vacancies for Vice President, as the current Vice Presidents dr. Marie José Jonczy and dr. Vera John Mikolajewski both have served two consecutive terms of three years.

For 20 years I have been working in English, including at the United Nations and in the UK and my mother tongue is French. I've also worked in German and Spanish and I can read some other European languages for matters related to our UWE work. I am familiar with the European Situation on Gender equality and have been disseminating materials and reports within my association for several years. I am used to travelling and I am in good health and spirit to continue to do so. I would not be faced with any conflict of interest, as my attendance at the NFA Board is without voting right.

My preference would be to be VP for the work with the **Council of Europe**. However, depending on other candidates' choices, I would also like to work with the **European Women's Lobby**.

My first position was a research contract for the Council of Europe in 1989 after a post-Master's degree in Human Rights and I worked with that institution again in recent years (2007-2011). I also worked at the European Commission as a lawyer, my other post-Master's degree being in Law and International administration.

I understand and I take note that the duties of the UWE vice-president will be divided in the board and can be:

- Participating in the INGO Conferences of the Council of Europe and report on them to the UWE members
- Participating in the European Women's Lobby Meetings and report on them to the UWE-members
- Participating in other gender lobby activities
- Supporting the president by visiting other NFAs e.g. for special celebrations
- Contributing to the UWE strategic and work plan
- Writing monthly reports
- Posting items on the website

Here are some features that may be useful:

- Member of the French NFA **AFFDU** since 1996, apart from years in the United Kingdom: member of the British NFA **BFWG** from 1999 to 2005
- President of "Paris and Paris region" group of the French NFA since 2013
- Coordinator for International Relations of the French NFA since April 2014
- Attended UWE AGM in Vienna and UWE *Meet and Greet* in Amsterdam

Should the AGM elect me, I would be pleased to accept the Vice Presidency.

Yours sincerely

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