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## COVER LETTER

Dear Green Friends,

My name is Ariane Giraneza Birekeraho and I am hereby applying for the Amendments committee. I have joined the European Green family very recently and in that short period of time I ran in the European elections as a leading candidate for FYEG and the local elections in Antwerp, where I got elected as a local council woman. I was lucky enough to directly attend my first EGP (extended) congress as a candidate. During the CAS sessions I got to familiarize myself with our decision-making process on EGP level. However I quickly understood that the CAS sessions are only the last step in a collaborative procedure that starts long before the actual congress.

This collaborative procedure intrigued me right away. In my professional life I have led federal inter-cabinet negotiations as a cabinet member of Belgian Minister of energy Tinne Van der Straeten (GROEN), I have led bilateral negotiations at the Dutch embassy in Belgium between Dutch and Belgian stakeholders and lastly I was also tasked with following up the negotiations at COP28 in Dubai as an observer for the climate NGO I worked for. Finding an acceptable compromise between opposing parties is something I am very comfortable with.

On top of that, I am perfectly trilingual (Dutch, French & English) and have several years of work experience in different policy environments. Moreover my past work experiences have always demanded great organizational skills and the ability to break down complex and elaborate issues to their essence and explain them to various stakeholders.

Furthermore, not only do I possess the skills necessary to make sure that discussions in the CAS happen in an orderly fashion, I also fully appreciate the importance of the AMC.

Having positions and resolutions that are carried by all our member parties is of the utmost importance for the European Greens. Certainly now when there's a clear backlash on the Green deal and green policies. Our members should not only feel included in the process of us taking specific positions or accepting certain resolutions, they should feel confident in defending them.

This all starts with a proper inclusion of member parties in discussions; no matter what the size. Furthermore, inclusion is a verb, certainly in the AMC. It's not enough to just give space to people who are comfortable speaking, one should also actively create space for those who are not.

In short, If elected I will be a fair chairperson with an empathetic ear to smaller member parties and country-specific issues to ensure an open discussion where everyone gets heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Science TEW  
(Applied Economic Sciences)**  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium  
2014 - 2016

**Bachelor of Science TEW  
(Applied Economic Sciences)**  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium  
2011 - 2016

## LANGUAGES

Dutch ██████████  
English ██████████  
French ██████████  
German ██████████  
Kinyarwanda ██████████

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Candidate European  
Parliamentary Elections**  
Groen (Flemish Greens) | 2024

**Candidate Local Elections  
Antwerpen**  
Groen (Flemish Greens) | 2024

**Member Strategic Advisory  
Council**  
EnergyVille | 2023 - now

**Member (ex- Co-president)**  
Friday Group | 2021 - now

**EU Climate & Environment  
delegate**  
Y7 (G7 Youth Summit) | 2021

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

**CLIMATE POLICY MANAGER** 2022 - 2024  
**BELLONA EUROPA AISBL | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Shaping and implementing Bellona's objective to promote and accelerate industrial decarbonisation with a focus on carbon capture and storage, carbon removals and regional hydrogen infrastructure development in the ARRA-cluster (Antwerpen, Rotterdam, Rhine, Ruhr Area).

**SENIOR ASSOCIATE EU POLICY PRACTICE** 2021 - 2022  
**GLOBAL COUNSEL | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Advising companies in manufacturing, technology, the service sector on the risks and opportunities in the Brussels' climate and environmental policy landscape, by providing analytical research on high profile regulatory initiatives and tracking relevant political developments and decisions in the EU and member states.

**POLICY ADVISOR CABINET FEDERAL MINISTER OF** 2020 - 2021  
**ENERGY TINNE VAN DER STRAETEN | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Advising the Minister as part of the 'Energy market' team dealing with all policies and legislation pertaining to energy prices, and market regulation. Liaising with important stakeholders (coalition partners, civil society, academics, energy companies) on issues pertaining to energy poverty, social energy policy and just transition.

**SENIOR TRADE ATTACHÉ EMBASSY OF THE** 2019 - 2020  
**KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS TO BELGIUM | BRUSSELS**

Identifying commercial possibilities and opportunities from Dutch companies in Belgium, while coordinating and shaping policies and actions on circular economy for the Dutch embassy and the Consulate-General in Antwerp. As well as establishing and maintaining contacts with relevant stakeholders active in the circular economy in both the Netherlands and Belgium.

**PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT** 2018 - 2019  
**BELGIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Providing secretarial, political and research support to former Minister of Labour Monica De Coninck in her day-to-day duties as a representative as well as coordinating Ms. De Coninck's parliamentary work (legislation, media relations and lobby groups) in collaboration with the socialist party.

**AML TASKFORCE INVESTIGATOR** 2017 - 2017  
**BNP PARIBAS FORTIS | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Following up on Anti-money laundering (AML) dossiers by analysing the risk of money laundering and potential suspicious transactions and proposing what measures should be taken in the case of fraud or money laundering.

**DEVELOPMENT INTERN** 2016 - 2017  
**BREUGEL | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Supporting project-management activities of EU research project such as Horizon 2020. Analysing philanthropy and other think tank's activities and best practices.

**TRAINEE ECONOMIC SECTION EMBASSY OF THE** 2014 - 2014  
**KINGDOM OF BELGIUM TO THE U.S. | WASHINGTON D.C.**

Researching key economic issues regarding Belgo-American relations such as the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations.