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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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