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My renewed Candidacy for Zonal 6 western Europe representative

I hereby declare that I fulfil the criteria for the position of zonal representative as documented below and supported by the attached documents.

As Zonal Representative, these past three years, I have actively participated in all WPA meetings and conferences, enhancing the work of the Board and having the honour to serve on the Planning committee. I wish to pursue for another three years the work that has been initiated this past term.

Addressing the importance of prevention and treatment, care and cure, are essential to the people, and families we meet with. We need to continue to advocate for our patients and for our profession in order for us to excel in our tasks at all levels, with all populations, whether they be traumatized by war or disasters, whether they have special needs or need support in the encounter with negative life events, when they are affected by severe mental disorders . Fairness of care, more for those who have less, equal access is what psychiatry needs to offer, in countries where a long tradition of excellent medical access and care is considered the norm. This in turn means supporting better care for others with participation and backing to countries who are struggling with their own health and mental health systems.

I will continue to work to promote early prevention and early recognition of mental disorders as a major priority for all. As a child and adolescent psychiatrist specialized in

perinatal and infant mental health, this will continue to be one my major focus of interests.

I believe that both my previous and continuous engagement in the WPA as well as my involvement in many international European meetings and rapprochements will help promote WPA in Europe as well as Offer Western Europe with more links to WPA. As president of the French SIP, we have promoted links with the French speaking world (Belgium and Switerland) and have upheld European and specifically west European positions on many clinical and public health issues.

The SIP has established many partnerships in Western Europe . SIP's annual conference is WPA supported and has also established annual exchanges with the Moroccan and Algerian Societies of public psychiatrists.

In my personal scientific work, I have privileged international cooperation and partnerships in all domains, often focusing on perinatal and infant mental health, and also on issues of facilitating access to mental health for hard-to-reach populations. I have been Chair of the perinatal and Infant mental health section for the past 6 years and co-chair of the committee for sections chaired by the secretary for sections Afzal Javed. I am currently appointed on the Planning committee.

If re-elected as European zonal representative for Western Europe I will do my best to continue to spread knowledge within the member societies of this zone and through these noble societies, to all WPA member societies in order to enrich interactive exchanges with the countries of Zone 6 and between Western Europe and WPA societies .

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