LETTER OF CANDIDATURE

Maren Lambrecht Secretary Current Affairs Committee maren.lambrecht@coe.int

28 September 2023

Dear Committee Secretary,

I, Jimmy Moloney, consent to the nomination as candidate to the post of the Vice-President of the Current Affairs Committee in respect of the decision taken by the ILDG and in accordance with the agreement reached by the political groups.

Jimmy Moloney

Name: Jimmy Moloney

Country: Ireland

Political group: ILDG

Full member of the Current Affairs Committee

Name: Councillor Jimmy (James) Moloney

Address: 11 Cherrytree Drive, Listowel, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Political Party/Grouping: Fianna Fail/ILDG.



Current positions: Elected County Councillor of Kerry County Council. Former Mayor of County Kerry. Head of Irish Delegation to Congress or Regional and Local Authorities. Member of Current Affairs Committee.

Political activity in Ireland: Elected to Listowel Town Council 2009-2014. Elected to Kerry County Council 2014-2019 and 2019-2024. Served as Mayor of Listowel Town Council 2013-2014. Elected Chairman of Listowel Municipal District 2015-2016 and 2019-2020. Current Mayor of County Kerry 2021-2022. Member of plenary body of Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) which represents all 949 elected councillors in Ireland from 2014-2021. Served twice on Executive of AILG.

Congress Activity: Appointed to the four person Irish Delegation March 2021. Currently Head of Irish Delegation to Congress of Regional and Local Authorities. Member of Current Affairs Committee since March 2021. Currently 5th Vice President of Current Affairs Committee.

Co- Rapporteur on report on the "Future of Youth in Rural Areas" which was presented to Congress at the March 2022 sitting. Report was previously discussed at November 2021 meeting of Current Affairs Committee. Attended Congress Conference on Youth Work in October 2021 with fellow congress members and youth delegates.

Also as part of the work of the Current Affairs Committee attended 21st University on Youth and Development in September 2022, "Enter! Project" in European Youth Centre in December 2022 and Community of Practice on Migration and Human Rights at Local Level in June 2023.

Participated in online event "Being a City Councillor in Mostar Today" in June 2021 which was organised as a part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2021. This event was also part of The Congress project "Building democratic participation in the City of Mostar".

As a follow spoke on "*Transparency: A mechanism for informed and inclusive policymaking*" conference in Sarajevo in May 2022 which forms part of "*Innovating democratic participation at local level in Bosnia and Herzegovina*" which is being implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.