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Dear Mr Secretary General
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I, José Fernandes Farinha Tavares, President of the Portuguese Court of Auditors, hereby support the application of the lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro to Vice-president of the European Bars Federation (FBE)

The lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro has always been an active member within the Portuguese Bar Association, having performed the role of Member of the Institute of Access to Law (2010-2012) and the Institute of Support to Lawyers as Sole Practitioners (2014-2016).

Furthermore, she was been involved in the organization of the first referendum within the Portuguese Bar Association, where the matter of attributing social rights to Portuguese lawyers was discussed and voted (2021).

All her activity and dedication to the causes of Lawyers, the State of Law and to the defence of the rights, liberties and warranties of the citizens has allowed her to be elected President of the Portuguese Bar Association in 2022, a role that she will perform until 2025.

Her strong and determined personality, as well as her judgement ability allow her to achieve the goals she sets for herself.

I believe that her presence in the Presidency will be a tremendous asset for the Federation, that will be acclaimed and reinforced with the competences of Madam lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro, who nowadays plays the role of President of the Portuguese Bar Association, an almost centenary institution.

The possibility of having a Portuguese woman in a role of this magnitude will be an honour for Portugal, for the Portuguese Justice and for the Portuguese Lawyers whom I am sure will look at this nomination and election with pride.

Moreover, it has been a long time since Portugal has been under the dome of this Organization.

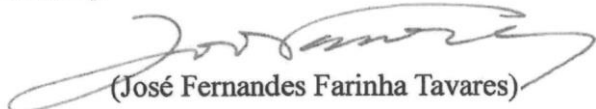
And thus, as President of the Portuguese Court of Auditors and someone that follows closely and with great interest everything that concerns Justice, I support this application, that will be a valued asset for the Portuguese organization and for the European Federation.

Madam lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro has already given proof of her work capacity, her assertiveness and competence, features that will certainly benefit the Federation's presidency.

My best regards,

Lisbon, December 4th, 2023

*With my best regards and all my
best wishes*


(José Fernandes Farinha Tavares)