

Dear Mr Secretary General
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My name is Henrique Luís de Brito de Araújo and I hereby send this letter to propose the application of Madam 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 has 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 allow her to achieve the goals that she proposes herself, because, given her judgement ability she does not allow herself to aim for impossible goals, rather, she can project her activity in a realistic and thus tangible way.

The Portuguese Bar Association will be even more distinguished with this application and the competences of Madam lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro will constitute added value for the Federation.

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.

And keeping in mind that Portugal has not been under the dome of this Organization for a long time, it is, in the best interest of the profession of lawyers and of the European Justice, time to change this paradigm.

Myself, as President of the Portuguese Supreme Court of Justice, support this application that will be an asset for the Portuguese organization and for the European Federation.

Madam lawyer Fernanda de Almeida Pinheiro has already given more than enough proof of her work capacity, her assertiveness and competence, features that will make a difference in the Federation's leadership.

I present my most respectful regards,



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