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Subject : secondment - nomination for Europe Regional Chair

I am delighted to second the nomination of Dr. Azra Herceg as a nominee for the position of Regional Chair for Europe.

With a background as an EBO-certified ophthalmologist and a strong track record in public health advocacy, Dr. Herceg has been instrumental in advancing eye health policy and preventing avoidable blindness across the region.

Her experience spans both policy and practice, having served as State Secretary in the Slovenian Ministry of Health and led high-level healthcare initiatives through the Strategic Council for Healthcare. She has represented Slovenia at key international forums, where she has contributed to shaping global and regional health agendas.

Dr. Herceg has also played an active role within IAPB's European Advocacy Network, supporting efforts to integrate eye health into broader public health strategies. Dr. Herceg is dedicated to ensuring that evidence-based treatments reach those in need, and her leadership will be invaluable in guiding IAPB's mission to address eye health challenges across Europe. Her blend of clinical excellence, policy expertise, and advocacy experience makes her an outstanding candidate for the role of Regional Chair.

Yours sincerely,

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