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STATEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

Over the last four years, I have had the honour and pleasure of serving our Society as a member of the Board, and, in recent months, as its Vice-President.

During this time, I have done my utmost to contribute actively across various roles—including as an IG coordinator, Editor-in-Chief of ESIL Reflections, and a member of the program committees for our annual conferences and research forums, alongside numerous other Board activities. This year, I also had the privilege of launching ESIL Conversations, which I hope will become another signature activity for our Society.

Through these responsibilities, I have gained a deep understanding of how the Board and the Society operate, and I have always strived to balance differing interests and concerns. As a strong believer in open communication, I remain highly approachable to all members. At the same time, I am fully aware that much remains to be done to better address the needs of our community, particularly in terms of fostering greater transparency, diversity, and responsiveness.

I not only come from Eastern Europe (Poland), but I also live and work in the region. As a result, I have first-hand insight into the particular challenges faced by academics from this part of Europe. I believe that the participation of scholars from Eastern Europe has grown considerably in recent years, and I hope to help maintain this positive momentum through my ongoing engagement.

We are living in challenging times. I strongly believe that our Society and its members must have a loud and clear voice on the most pressing issues facing the international community today, actively shaping contemporary legal discourse.

My priorities will be to provide our members with the highest-quality events, to enhance ESIL's visibility within an increasingly crowded landscape of legal associations, and to foster deep, meaningful cooperation with various academic centres and international institutions.

I am convinced that our Society must be a welcoming home for researchers and practitioners at **all** stages of their careers. We must put a special emphasis on engaging and supporting the next generation of international lawyers, ensuring they have the space, mentorship, and opportunities to thrive within our structures.

Our events should offer not only top-tier academic debate but also address current, practical issues—ensuring a vital balance between "law in books" and "law in action."

ESIL is powered by its engaged members, as I have witnessed firsthand through my cooperation with the Interest Groups. Moving forward, the Society must continue to encourage its members to act on its behalf, while providing clear procedures, seamless cooperation, and robust support for all those willing to contribute.

I would be deeply honoured to receive your mandate to continue this work.

Prof. Patrycja Grzebyk

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