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STATEMENT

I am submitting my candidacy for the Board of the European Society of International Law at a time when international law is facing tensions that do not fall within the category of the ordinary challenges of legal development. Armed conflicts, environmental degradation, technological vulnerabilities, the fragmentation of the normative order, and declining trust in international institutions raise legitimate questions about the capacity of international law to prevent suffering, protect humanity, and respond to risks that affect the very continuity of life in its multiple forms.

In such circumstances, discussing the adaptation of international law alone is no longer sufficient. I believe it is necessary to reflect on how our professional community identifies ideas, methods, and people capable of carrying institutional values forward and contributing to this transformation. Academic societies have the responsibility to create an environment in which expertise, intellectual integrity, and diversity of perspectives come together to generate the most appropriate solutions. An organisation such as ESIL plays a fundamental role in this process by bringing the right people together around the right questions and by fostering connections across generations, regions, and legal traditions.

My experience in research, editorial work, and international collaboration has convinced me that many of the most important questions of our time can no longer be addressed exclusively through established methodological tools. This also means that twenty-first-century specialists can no longer be prepared using twentieth-century methods. Phenomena such as artificial intelligence, algorithmic governance, climate risks, geopolitical transformations, and new forms of human and societal vulnerability require innovation and considerable intellectual effort to build the connections we need between international law and other fields of knowledge. In this regard, I believe that ESIL is well placed to strengthen the preventive role of international law through the continued engagement of both scholars and practitioners.

My work within the Diversity Advisory Body, the Task Force on Underrepresentation, and the Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights has given me the opportunity to observe the value that genuine diversity brings to an academic community. Diversity, far from being merely an institutional objective, constitutes an epistemic resource in its own right. Our ability to understand the contemporary legal world is directly proportional to the plurality of experiences, languages, cultures, and perspectives that contribute to the construction of knowledge.

If entrusted with the confidence of ESIL members, I will support a vision grounded in intellectual openness and responsibility. I believe in a society that does not limit itself to describing the transformations of the world but actively contributes to understanding and guiding them, while keeping at the centre of its concerns human dignity, peace, justice, and the protection of life.

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