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Dear Members of the Cumulus Board,

I am writing to offer my endorsement of Professor João Bonelli's candidacy for the Cumulus Executive Board for the period 2025-2028.

Professor Bonelli is a respected Brazilian Designer, Teacher, and Researcher at PUC-Rio (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro). His active participation in Cumulus' events and initiatives, including his valuable role as Co-chair of the Cumulus Roma Design Cultures International Conference in 2021, demonstrates his ongoing commitment to the association. His professionalism and focus on fostering international collaboration – particularly with regard to the cultural and social aspects of design – make him an ideal candidate.

PUC-Rio has been a proud full member of Cumulus for many years, contributing to global discussions on design education. The institution's Graduate Program in design, the first of its kind in South America, has been a pioneering initiative for advanced design education in the region.

Professor Bonelli's experience and vision for strengthening ties between Brazilian and South American universities within Cumulus make him a valuable asset to the association. His dedication to fostering international relationships and promoting cultural exchange will be a great asset to Cumulus.

I enthusiastically recommend Professor Bonelli for the Executive Board position at Cumulus, confident that his leadership will foster new ideas and promote deeper integration of South American schools. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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