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It is a pleasure to write this recommendation letter for Teresa Franqueira to continue serving as a member of the CUMULUS Executive board.

I have known Teresa since she became the International Coordinator for DESIS several years ago. Since that time, I have seen the activities of DESIS flourish and expand under her guidance. Her organizing skills, clarity, and passion for design are very evident. She has been very generous in handing off the DESIS leadership to a new International Coordinator, showing grace and diplomacy.

As an Associate Professor, Teresa was responsible for bringing the University of Aveiro to join the CUMULUS Association. She is an excellent networker and organizer. I notice that she has also served as co-chair of the Cumulus working group on Leadership and Strategy. Her international profile as a Cumulus board member has been very strong, with visibility along a great number of initiatives. She is a very active CUMULUS Board member.

As a member of the International Coordination Committee of DESIS, I have had the opportunity to observe Teresa's organizational and communication skills during our online meetings, as well as during our larger DESIS Assemblies. She always impressed me with how easy she is to work with, and how she guides meetings with great agility. She is a very capable leader and collaborator.

I strongly support Teresa Franqueira to continue on the CUMULUS Executive board. Having experienced board members will surely help move CUMULUS forward into the next few years.

Sincerely Yours,

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