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To whom it may concern.

Subject: Recommendation Letter for the Candidacy of Prof. Teresa Franqueira to the Cumulus Executive Board

On behalf of the School of Design at Politecnico di Milano, I am pleased to highly recommend Prof. Teresa Franqueira, Associate Professor at the University of Aveiro, for the Cumulus Executive Board (2025–2028).

As the former International Coordinator of the DESIS Network and Director of the Design Factory at the University of Aveiro, Prof. Franqueira has already demonstrated outstanding competence and commitment during her first term on the Cumulus Executive Board (2022–2025).

In addition to her extensive international teaching and research experience, Prof. Franqueira has developed an extraordinary ability to engage with diverse contexts and cultures. She excels at transforming design education discourse into concrete initiatives and has a pragmatic approach to making things happen.

We firmly believe that these qualities—combined with her relentless dedication and willingness to contribute—will continue to greatly benefit the Cumulus Association.

For these reasons, I strongly support the candidacy of Prof. Teresa Franqueira for the Cumulus Executive Board.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Francesco Zurlo, Dean, School of Design

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