

Nantes, 25 February 2025

Subject: Recommendation for the Election of Archana Surana to the next Cumulus Board

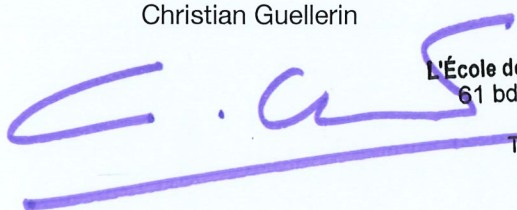
Dear Friends,

With all the proficiencies that Archana Surana seems to have gained at different levels of responsibility and accountability in the positions and roles she has held over 30 years as a Design Educator and Social Entrepreneur, and the Founder of a Higher Education Institution of Design, I can see that Archana's greatest strengths are her proactive, entrepreneurial, and organisational capacities and her abilities to network, collaborate, co-create, and communicate.

These abilities have potentially proved themselves in the form of her practical contributions both as a member and Vice President on the present Executive Board of CUMULUS, to enable and evolve the inaugural Cumulus Student Talent Camp as well as chairing the 'Women in Design' working group initiative and co-chairing the 'Fashion and Textiles' working group initiative of the Cumulus Board over the years in office, and further, representing the Global South and being a voice of women in her country, among other things. These achievements I feel, will stand her in good stead for a fresh and energetic stint on the next Executive Board of CUMULUS for reaching goals that are practical and achievable and to enable a better, more interactive world through design.

As a fellow member of CUMULUS, I recommend and support Archana Surana's candidacy for membership of the next Executive Board.

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