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## Acceptance of WAGGGS nomination as candidate for Vice-President position of the European Youth Forum

Dear European Youth Forum,

I am delighted to have been nominated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) as a candidate for the Vice-President position (INGYO) in the upcoming European Youth Forum elections at the General Assembly in November 2020.

In the past year and a half we have seen the amazing things that happen when we work together across the platform. But there is so much more that we can do to reach our potential in our unique role in Europe. From our climate advocacy work, I've seen the real benefit of collaborating across our membership as we work with institutions. Being on the team facilitating the development of the new strategic priorities, I saw that we can come together around shared aims. Leading the Governance Review Board working group, I see that there is the need to work collaboratively from the start of a change process, to make sure that we go on the journey together, with our values at the core. We have the three pillars of our strategic priorities in place and we're working out the changes that we need to get there.

The next two years are about strengthening the base which our vital external work relies upon. Within the organisation we are facing several issues that need attention for us to have the capacity and effective ways of working for our core advocacy work. How can we make sure our plans match our capacity? How can we ensure the wellbeing of everyone involved in the platform? How can we improve transparency and accessibility?

We need to develop shared ownership of the platform, to make bold changes to bring the Youth Forum into the interactive digital age, to address long-standing process and practical barriers, and to truly embed accessibility and inclusion. We can then be the effective, sustainable and supportive organisation that the youth sector needs right now and into the future. Only with that strong foundation can we supercharge our vital advocacy work set out in the strategy, and use our shared knowledge, skills and resources to facilitate a truly responsive support network for all of our members. These challenges can't wait and young people rely on us - so we need to make sure our organisation is fit to reach its full potential.

To take our platform to the next level, I believe we need:

- **A collaborative structure:** with strengthened governance for shared ownership of the platform.
- **An active platform:** which works in partnership with members and wider movements for urgent action on climate, rights and participation.
- **A diverse community:** which shares power and embeds inclusion and accessibility in all of our work.
- **A responsive network:** which protects and supports our youth sector in challenging times.

I believe that through my volunteering and professional experience, I have the skills and knowledge in climate, sustainable development, good governance and inclusive participation methods to be a key driver of this change. I have the passion for our advocacy work and the belief in our collective potential to help take our platform to the next level.

I am very happy to confirm that I accept this nomination for the position of Vice-President. I look forward to the election process ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalyn Old