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**Motivation for my standing as candidate for Councillor of the ESC**

Dear Franz, esteemed members of the ESC Nominating Committee,

I am delighted to explain my motivation to stand as candidate for Councillor of the ESC. As Councillor, I want to help to make the ESC more digital, more attractive for the next generation of cardiovascular trainees and specialists, allied professionals, and patients, and more effective in its interactions with the European Union, supporting Cecilia Linde, the presidential trio and the ESC through friendly, effective and respectful teamwork in the ESC Board. I would like to help the ESC to strengthen its voice and visibility in Brussels and to engage with European institutions. This can advance cardiovascular causes across Europe, and help to reduce cardiovascular health inequalities between the ESC countries, through increased investment into cardiovascular disease prevention and therapy and through innovations in the cardiovascular regulatory and European Health Data spaces. I am only a short flight away from Brussels.

I bring my experience as cardiologist and cardiovascular researcher with leadership roles in Germany and in the UK and as non-elected member of the ESC and EHRA board to the role. I will use my influence in cardiology and cardiovascular research, and my networks in academia, industry, and with innovators and regulators, to advance the work and aims of the ESC Board in coordinated team work. Should I be elected, I will reduce my clinical responsibilities in the Department of Cardiology at the University Heart and Vascular Center Hamburg so that I can dedicate sufficient time to the ESC.

In short, I want to be part of the ESC Board team to turn problems into opportunities.

Best wishes from Hamburg

Paulus Kirchhof