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Dear Professor Franz Weidinger, FESC
ESC Immediate Past President and Chair, ESC Nominating Committee

Candidacy for the Nomination Committee of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

I am pleased to submit my candidacy for election to the Nomination Committee of the ESC, representing the ESC Associations, Councils and Working Groups.

Having served the ESC community for many years as a Fellow (FESC) and through active participation in leadership positions of the ESC Council on Stroke (Nucleus member, Secretary, then Chairperson 2024-2026), Working Group on Thrombosis (Nucleus), European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) (Board, Chairperson of various EHRA committees) and Association for Acute Cardiovascular Care (Board), as well as representing EHRA at the Heart Rhythm Society Global Relations Committee (2023-) and acting as liaison with the Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (2022-2024), I have witnessed firsthand how vital strong, balanced, and collaborative leadership is to the ESC mission of reducing the burden of cardiovascular disease.

My motivation to be elected to the Nomination Committee of the ESC, representing the ESC Associations, Councils and Working Groups is to help identify the candidates who will steer the ESC through an evolving landscape of digital health, sub-specialty integration, and global collaboration. This will be driven by the following aspects:

1. **Fostering Collaboration, Diversity and Inclusivity:** The strength of the ESC lies in its pan-European and global diversity. Talent is evenly distributed across our community, and I am committed to ensuring that our leadership reflects our membership, proactively seeking balance regarding gender, geography (with multidisciplinary representation from ESC constituent bodies), and clinical/scientific sub-specialties.
2. **Integrity and Transparency:** The process of selecting our future leadership must be rigorous, transparent, and free from conflict of interest. I pledge to approach every nomination with objectivity, prioritizing the strategic needs of the ESC above all else.
3. **Multidisciplinary collaboration, institutional structures and future vision:** Through my experience as Nucleus or Board member of various ESC Associations, Councils and Working Groups (and latterly as Chairperson of the ESC Council on Stroke), I have developed a robust understanding of the complex matrix of the ESC as an organization. I fully appreciate the qualities required to lead—diplomacy, scientific excellence, and administrative capability—and on the Nomination Committee I am prepared to rigorously vet candidates against these high standards.

I have been involved in the ESC for many years of my professional life, and it has always provided education, guidelines, and a community of excellence. If elected, I am committed to working collaboratively with my fellow committee members on the Nomination Committee to present a slate of candidates that ensures the continued stability, prestige, and dynamism of the ESC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, **Gregory Y. H. Lip, MD FESC**