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LETTER OF MOTIVATION

Dear YEN / JEV,

With this statement I am expressing my wish to apply as a candidate for the President position during the General Assembly of the Youth of European Nationalities 2020.

The October 10 elections will mark exactly a year and a half since I met this wonderful organisation and the beautiful people around it, at the Easter Seminar in Sfântu Gheorghe, Romania. From that moment on, I grew an admiration for the work that YEN does for the young members of national, ethnic and linguistic minorities in Europe. Therefore, I started to participate in other workshops, trainings and seminars organised or partnered by YEN and I even had the opportunity to do an internship at the Berlin office. These activities and events not only enriched me with experience and a good knowledge of minorities and youth issues, but also gained me friends and valuable memories within the organisation.

During this time I understood that it is very important for YEN to empower and to contribute to the personal development of young people. Being active in YEN, helped me to develop organisational and communication skills and now, it motivated me to get even more involved by running as a President at the future elections. This will help me to further develop other important social skills, to exercise democracy and participation in the civil society and to make youth perspective accessible to European institutions. In addition, the position of President will give me the opportunity to contribute to the personal development of other young people, which would be a great honor.

Moreover, I strongly believe that this position in YEN fits very well with my career, as I recently completed a master's degree in Leadership and Communication in

International Organisations. The knowledge I gained during my studies, together with the trainings on public speaking, presentation, advocacy and lobbying give me confidence that I have the necessary skills to be the President of YEN. For this reason, I am ready to dedicate time and energy to the Youth of European Nationalities and to welcome the responsibilities assigned by its members. Furthermore, I am eager to learn new things, to put in practice my understandings and to contribute, on one hand, to the internal work together with the Board and Office, and on the other hand, to the external activities representing YEN in relation to European institutions and other youth organisations.

I am looking forward for the General Assembly and the elections.

Sincerely,
Andor Barabás

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