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Platform Statement

International Association for Political Science Students

Running for IAPSS Advisory Board Member Position

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Dear IAPSS Community,

I will briefly introduce myself. My name is María Paula Jijón. I was born and raised in Quito, Ecuador. Coming from a lawyer(ly) background, I decided to study law in Spain. However, I have always had a great interest in global affairs and international relations, so I did both. I graduated with a Dual Degree in Comparative Law and International Relations from IE University in 2020. I am currently doing a master's in law at ICADE University and will start working in the Court of Arbitration of Madrid in September.

I first came to know IAPSS through my involvement in research and political science. After participating as panelist, chair, and discussant in the IAPSS Virtual World Congress this year, I would love to further engage with this wonderful and curious community. I am certain I am a great candidate for the **IAPSS Advisory Board** for these main reasons:

- I love rules. After 6 years of studying law, I am very familiar with the workings of contracts, associations, by-laws, and so on. Considering the Board ensures the correct functioning of the organization following its bylaws and applicable laws, I believe my ample legal background perfectly fits this requirement.
- I love dispute settlement. Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to become familiar with multiple methods of dispute resolutions from international public law disputes to Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms. Additionally, I have practical experience in arbitration and mediation. Therefore, as a Board Member,

and having a clear and complete understanding of the Association`s bylaws, I believe I could fairly attend to disputes within the organization.

- Finally, I love political science and research. Considering the Advisory Board is also responsible for general guidance for the Association, I think my overall experience with research and my willingness to demand the highest ethical and academic standards from the Association, make me the best candidate for this position.

For the exposed reasons, I would love to count on your vote for the **Advisory Board Member position**. Please do not hesitate in contacting me with any further questions!

Sincerely,

María Paula