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Subject: **ESF Vice-President Candidate Statement and Curriculum Vitae**

1. Candidate Statement

I Marko Podgoršek am hereby stating my willingness to stand for the position of a Vice-President of the ESF. I believe to possess the required competencies for the position, as you can find in the CV below.

My interest in squash is (besides passion) professional on many levels. I am an importer of Karakal products for Slovenia and am considering to expand that part of my business by adding other brands to my portfolio. I am also in the process of developing a completely new squash-related product. Nevertheless I can confidently state that this part of my business cannot and will not influence my work as ESF Vice-President in any way.

2. Curriculum Vitae

Date of Birth: 23.01.1974
Nationality: Slovenian
Languages Spoken: Slovenian, English, Serbian, Croatian, Italian, basic French and basic German.
Occupation: Self-Employed, distributor of several brands in Slovenia:
ABUS, ABUS-Pfaffenhain, Karakal, True Utility.

Squash first came to Slovenia in 1989, I started playing in 1992. Within a couple of years of committed training I started working as a coach in SquashLand, the biggest club in Slovenia. At the time I worked as a coach for many years, coaching juniors, club members and competitive players alike.

In 2000 I attended a refereeing course in Italy, lectured by Mr. Graham Horrex. FIGS invited me to referee World Junior Championships in Milan later that year and so my squash activities expanded beyond Slovenian borders. One thing led to another and today I am an active WSF Referee and ESF Tutor and Assessor, besides being a Vice-President of Slovenian Squash Association. My qualifications and experience are as follows, divided between coaching and refereeing:

Coaching Qualifications:

- 1998 Squash Coach Level 1, University of Sports, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2007 Squash Coach Level 2, ESF Coaching Course, Vienna, Austria

Coaching Experience:

- 1998 - 2005 Worked as a squash coach in SquashLand, Ljubljana
- 2006 - 2007 Worked as a Serbian National Team Coach

Refereeing Qualifications:

- 2000 National Referee
- 2001 European Referee
- 2009 WSF Regional Referee
- 2010 ESF Referee Tutor & Assessor (Level 3 Certificate in Tutoring and Assessing in Sport)
- 2012 WSF Referee

Refereeing Experience (from 2012 onwards, specific activity card available):

- 2012: ETC 1&2 Germany, Allam British Open England, Jena International Kuwait, WWTC France, WWO Cayman Islands
- 2013: Swedish Open Sweden, British Open England, World Games Colombia
- 2014: Windy City Open USA, ETC 1&2 Italy, WJC Namibia, Cathay Pacific Hong Kong, CAS Pakistan, WC Qatar, British GP England, WWC Egypt

Refereeing courses held since 2009:

Bulgaria, Turkey, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Italy, Romania, Greece.

I believe to be sufficiently qualified for the position of ESF Vice-President for Coaching and Refereeing. Besides official qualifications I possess good language and people skills, which enable me to be well accepted throughout squash community. Let me conclude by saying that I would consider holding a position of a Vice-President in one of the squash's most important organisations a great honour and that I am completely aware of all the duties and commitment that entails.

Sincerely,

Marko Podgoršek

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Podgoršek' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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