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International Planned Parenthood Federation
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Dear Recruitment Team,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the opportunity to serve as a volunteer member on the global Board of Trustees for the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Hailing from Southeast Asia, specifically the Philippines, I come to you with a diverse background and a deep passion for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). My journey as a former Deputy Chair of the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global) and Alumni Board Member of the Community Solutions Program, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State, implemented by International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) has equipped me with a wealth of experience in high-level strategic program delivery and fundraising.

As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, a person living with HIV, and an indigenous individual, I bring a unique perspective to the table—one that resonates deeply with IPPF's mission to champion SRHR for all. My personal experiences have given me invaluable insights into the challenges faced by marginalized communities in accessing their sexual and reproductive health and rights. I have seen firsthand the importance of equitable access to SRHR services and am committed to advancing this cause.

My background aligns perfectly with the qualities and expertise you are seeking in potential Trustees. My experience in a high-level strategic program delivery and fundraising role has equipped me with the skills needed to contribute meaningfully to the Board's oversight of IPPF's resources and strategic direction. Furthermore, I embody the essence of a "service leader." I bring qualities such as listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, and a deep commitment to the growth of people and building community. I believe that these qualities are foundational in achieving SRHR for all, and I am dedicated to applying them to IPPF's mission.

In addition to my extensive background in program delivery and fundraising, my journey is characterized by a profound commitment to empowering young individuals—both men and women—to step boldly into leadership roles. While advocacy has been a crucial facet of my career, my recent years have been dedicated to crafting the very mechanisms, guidelines, and policies that breathe life into meaningful and ethical youth engagement.

I am also particularly excited about IPPF's "Come Together Strategy 2023-2028," which underscores the need for bolder, more feminist action to secure choices related to our bodies, sexual lives, and overall well-being. I believe in the power of collective action and transformation, and I am eager to be a part of IPPF's efforts to empower women, youth, and marginalized individuals around the world. Enclosed, please find my completed Safer Recruitment Form and Skill Matrix, along with my CV (2-page). I am eager to represent Southeast Asia on IPPF's Board of Trustees and bring my unique perspective to the organization's vital work.

I am excited about the possibility of working alongside the dedicated individuals who make up the IPPF team and contributing to the organization's continued success in advancing SRHR globally. Thank you for considering my application.

With gratitude,
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