To the Board of Directors of ENALJ

The European Network of Associations of Lay Judges

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the ASOCIACION PLATAFORMA JUDICATURA INTERINA (APJI) to formally request the incorporation of our organization as an active member of the European Network of Associations of Lay Judges (ENALJ).

The Asociación Plataforma Judicatura Interina is a non-profit organization established in Spain, as an institutional continuation of the former Interim Judiciary Platform. It is made up of more than 400 Spanish Substitute Judges and Deputy Magistrates in Spain, representing almost half of the interim judiciary who currently or previously exercising jurisdictional functions in all orders and instances throughout the national territory.

APJI was founded with the aim of highlighting and defending the rights of the interim judiciary, a group of qualified professionals who perform effective and essential judicial work but lack the guarantees of stability, career advancement, and recognition of social rights that characterize ordinary judicial careers.

As President of APJI and an active Substitute Judge, I wish to express our full commitment to the principles that inspire ENALJ, especially the **defense and promotion of citizen participation in the judicial function as a fundamental principle of any democratic society**, as enshrined in the European Charter.

Our Association is committed to the European values of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, and seeks to actively participate in the European judicial debate, especially with regard to judges who exercise judicial functions outside the framework of the ordinary judicial career.

We believe that joining ENALJ represents a strategic opportunity to strengthen ties with similar European associations, share experiences, and actively contribute to the network's common objectives. Likewise, we fully identify with the aims and principles set forth in its statutes and express our willingness to actively participate in its initiatives, forums, and working groups.

We enclose our statutes with this letter. We remain at your disposal to provide any additional information deemed necessary.

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Thanking you in advance for your attention and interest, we cordially greet you, hoping for a favorable response.

Sincerely,

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