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Dear Madam, Dear Sir.

My name is Lucille Rieux, I am the Secretary General of AEGEE-Europe, the European Students' Forum. AEGEE is a European interdisciplinary association, gathering 13000 members and aiming at bringing student closer to Europe as well as represent their interests towards decision makers while empowering them to make an active stand in society.

As Secretary General, I have been working with Mr. Jerome SICAIRE, active member of the AEGEE-Bruxelles since October 2013. More specifically, we have cooperated in the organization of an international Conference -within the framework of the Erasmus + Programme and under the supervision of DG Education and Culture of the European Commission- which took place in Brussels in April 2014, shortly before the 2014 European Parliament elections. The Conference entitled "Y-Vote Convention: More Europe but which Europe?" was part of the youth-led campaign "Y Vote 2014" aiming at bringing young people to vote for the EP Elections 2014. In this 5 days conference, we organized workshops and debates to reflect around the model of European Union young people want, taking into account geographical, social, economic and political aspects.

Jerome has proved to have great organizational and project management skills as well as the capacity to manage his team and time around him in a very efficient manner. He did an excellent work in coordinating the implementation of this event but also greatly contributed, with quality and relevant input, regarding the development of the thematic content of the Convention.

It is clear to me that throughout his experience as a member of AEGEE, participating actively in international conferences within the network, Jerome has gained tremendous experience in task-management, as well as in contributing efficiently within a political related environment. While he proved his tact and diplomacy, he benefited from this experience to sharpen his understanding of the European decision-making processes, especially in social and economic issues, and how European networks can play a role in influencing actual decision-making.

Last but not least, I would like to stress the commitment of Mr. Sicaire related to any societybased and political issues. He showed great interest and took the initiative to be involved in various debates and conferences and was even selected to participate in a Convention in Lublin (Poland) in February 2014 in order to debate on the ambivalent concept of "Nationalism in Europe" today. Throughout his involvement, M. Sicaire gained strong analytical skills, and proved to be a very reliable and detail-oriented person who will, without a doubt, perform efficiently his job in any career at European level.

For the above-mentioned reasons, I strongly believe that the practical experience Mr. Sicaire acquired within our international organization, combined with his professional and academic background, makes of him a strong candidate for working within European institutions, international organizations and European affairs in general.

Kind regards,

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