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To CUMULUS Secretariat  
Ms Eija Salmi

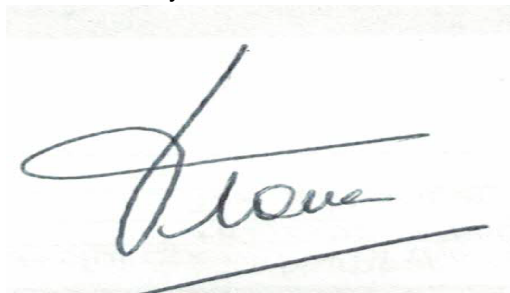
I am Josyane Franc the former Head of international affairs for the Cité du Design and Saint-Etienne School of Art and Design (ESADSE) in France and has more than 30 years of experience in the field of international cultural relations, project conception, management and coordination. I was very active in various international networks amongst them CUMULUS.

Since 2019, I am Advisor international design networks & Ambassador Cité du design Saint-Etienne and I am very honoured to write the letter of recommendation for Professor Lorenzo Imbesi in support of his application for the position of next Cumulus President 2022-2025.

I personally know Lorenzo Imbesi since a long time through his participation in different Biennale Internationale Design Saint-Etienne and almost in 2008 during the CUMULUS conference Saint-Etienne on Design & Research. He was one of the researchers speaking for the conference and we kept in touch since that time.

I strongly believe that Lorenzo Imbesi has a strong expertise in design education, international experience and the capacity as leader to drive our CUMULUS Association to the next future respecting its original values.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Franc', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

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