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À l'attention du Comité de pilotage et des membres de la plate-forme Be-cause health

Sujet : Candidacy to the presidency of the steering committee

Dear members of the General Assembly,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming the new President of the Steering Committee of Be-cause Health.

I have been working for more than twenty years in the International Cooperation Department of the National Alliance of Christian Mutualities, with a particular focus over the past five years on our partnerships with West Africa.

My engagement within Be-cause Health also goes back many years. For several years, I coordinated the *Social Protection in Health* working group, and I am also involved in the working group on global health determinants. Since last year, I have been a member of both the Steering Committee and the Ethical Committee.

Thanks to my background and experience in global health and within the mutualist movement, I feel ready to contribute meaningfully to the work and leadership of the Steering Committee.

Throughout my career, I have specialized in areas such as social protection in health, health in all policies, social economy, and the role of social movements. Most often, the focus is placed on improving healthcare services, which is of course essential, but less attention is paid to organizing demand and building a social movement. Such a movement, rooted in communities, advocates for investment in the social, commercial, and political determinants of health—such as healthy food, water, decent housing, and means of livelihood (particularly decent work)—without any discrimination. Access to healthcare complements these prerequisites, which enable people to remain healthy.

We are member of the Masmut platform, which supports mutualist movements at the international level, and we are active members of AIM, the International Association of Mutualities.

My involvement in the network, particularly over the past year as a member of the Steering Committee, has allowed me to further appreciate the richness and full potential of Be-cause Health. Building on the remarkable work already carried out by the small coordination team (Magalie, supported by Nathalie), the President Stefaan, and the voluntary engagement of dozens of colleagues from institutions, academia, NGOs, and non-profit private organizations, we can continue to move forward together.

Our platform continues to grow, and there are certainly several areas where we can still make improvements:

1. **Strengthening cohesion:** making the network an even more dynamic space for exchange among its members, bringing people together around our shared values to better respond to community needs.
2. **Making better use of existing resources:** thanks in particular to the new website, we will be able to place greater emphasis on the outputs of the working groups and ensure they are more widely shared.
3. **Influence and visibility:** further amplifying the voice of our members within national and sectoral bodies.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the I look forward to meet you at our next General Assembly and to the opportunity to continue collaborating with all of you in this new capacity.

Sincerely,

Valérie Van Belle