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I am writing to you in reference of the application for candidature as Vice President of the International Union of Socialist Youth.

I am Agustina Rodríguez Biasone, I have 25 years old, and I am a graduate lawyer from the National University of Mar del Plata, Argentina. Since I was 18 years old I participated in the Socialist Party of Argentina, from its youth organization, the Young Socialists of Argentina and its student movement, the National Reformist Movement. During my first years I developed my political activity into the student world, being a student member of the Student Center of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Mar del Plata, where I studied. Simultaneously, I played an active role in the party's youth assuming different responsibilities. During the period 2014-2016, I was Secretary of Organization of the Socialist Youth of Mar del Plata and member of the Executive Board of the Socialist Youth of the Province of Buenos Aires. Currently, I am the Assistant Secretary of the Socialist Youth of the Province of Buenos Aires.

I was born, lived and I developed my affiliation in the City of Mar del Plata, in the Province of Buenos Aires, the largest in Argentina, which for some years now I have the honor of traveling cooperating in the development of our organization in this area, where I could participate in various activities, together with young people, in forums, campaigns with other social actors and, especially, in relation to gender issues.

Regarding responsibilities within the JSA, I was in charge of the relationship with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Foundation, from where we organized numerous training courses and seminars on various topics, including feminism, juvenile criminal responsibility and democratic security, sustainable production models and environment, communication, political and economic situation Argentina, of which I was also involved. Finally, before the World Council, we organized an activity for the American Committee on Environment between the JSA and the FES, where I also had the opportunity to participate.

Outside our organization, in 2015 I was selected, on behalf of the JSA, to participate in a School of Political Leadership, along with 30 other young people from different political parties in



Argentina, an experience that allowed me not only to get closer to political, business and journalists of our country, but other young people who are in government places today.

Regarding to the international field, I was able to participate in the non-formal education seminar "Structural Empowering - Training of Trainers", organized by IUSY at the University on Youth and Development, attached to the North-South Center of the Council of Europe, in Mollina (Spain) in September 2016. In March of this year, our organization hosted the World Council in the city of Rosario during the month of March, where I was in charge of the organization. Finally, this year I participated again in the IUSY Pool of Trainers meeting, in June in Vienna.

Finally, as a complementary, at work level, I had the opportunity to work as an advisor to the President of the National Deputy Block of our Party and coordinate the academic activities of the Foundation of our party -CEMUPRO-.

Our Party

The Socialist Party was founded in 1896 as a political organization of the working class, men and women who fight against all forms of exploitation, aiming to change society to make it an equal, just and free society solidarity struggling for social progress of our society.

Our political organization have more than 120 years of history, which is just an image of the long journey that makes us proud, honored to be the first Latin American Socialist Party who managed to have a representative in Congress, with Dr. Alfredo Palacios in 1904. A whole generation of socialists who taught us by their example practices a consistent policy of honesty and inspired by the ideals of equality, freedom and solidarity.

We are conscious that, despite all the historical heritage behind us, it is much more important what the Argentine Socialists have ahead. The Party that was born interpreting the needs of workers and was established as its main policy tool, with a consistent struggle for equality and freedom, maintaining the best of their traditions and at the same time responding to the emergence of new demands and new actors. Currently it does so with a renewed program and consistent action, it stands as one of the main political alternative of Argentina, considering that governs for third consecutive period the second sub national state, the province of Santa Fe and which remains as a national political force, with presence throughout all the territory of our vast country.

Since 2015, our country is going through a political cycle characterized by a tendency to concentrate resources and deepen social inequalities. In Argentina, one in two young people is in poverty and, fundamentally, women; which shows that poverty is not only a question of age, a question of gender.



Therefore, this historic moment undoubtedly offers immense opportunities for the development, to give the Party a leap in quality and quantity, definitely consolidating as the political organization that best expresses the wishes of democracy and social progress in Argentina.

Current Challenges of Young Socialists, Social Democrats and Labour

We arrived at the XXI Century with the repeated recitation of the triumph of democracy, but without the realization of their promises and increasingly difficult to meet many of its founding principles. In this way, the socialist must continue struggling for a democracy that not only restored the credibility and strengthen in the role of representative institutions, but also expand its borders through social participation, which must go beyond the elections. A democracy with new foundations. A parity democracy which definitely incorporate women.

Socialist¹ are not satisfied with a procedural democracy or a minimum of it. Democracy is much more than just a procedure; democracy is a road to equal, liberty and social justice.

Socialist believes in a new role of the state to ensure a solid foundation of citizenship. Hence, we think that politics and power are tools to achieve to transform society.

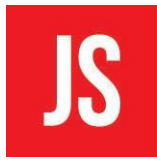
The Socialists also believe in the role of government to ensure a consistent basis of citizenship, promoting equality. Therefore we not conceive power as an achievement but as an active instrument to transform society, ensuring the maximum citizen equality. The society that we conceive should be intolerant of inequalities. The essence that has characterized the socialist thought, along with freedom, has been in this sense the passion for equality.

In face of an antagonistic international panorama, where the extreme right conjugated with expressions of modern right and nationalisms has burst forcefully in all the corners of the plant, the socialists must give battle, more than ever, for a State that guarantee a consistent base of citizenship, promoting equality. That is why we conceive power not as an end but as an active instrument to transform society, seeking maximum citizen equality.

I hope these few words may have expressed clearly the reasons for my candidacy for this important responsibility. Candidacy that I take with lot of responsibility, strength, optimism and supported by all the Young Socialists from Argentina.

A fraternal embrace, in the International Socialism.

1 "Socialist" all those who are part of the Young Socialists , Social Democrats and Labour World .



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