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I am applying for the position of deputy treasurer of the Vienna NGO Committee, representing the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC). My objective is to represent the views and interests of practitioners and patients who need access to the substances listed in the schedules of the international drug control conventions for essential palliative care and other medical purposes.

As a VNGOC Board member, I am currently one of the coordinators of the Latin American working group, with views to increase the participation of NGOs from this region in international fora and connect them with the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (CND), the International Narcotics Control Board and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This work strongly motivates me to run for this position on the Board this year in addition to my genuine interest on drug policy.

I am a research associate at the Global Drug Policy Observatory at Swansea University (UK) and hold a PhD in Politics and International Relations from the same university. I have been researching access to internationally controlled medicines in Brazil and the changes and tensions in international regimes. My research shows the reasons behind Brazil's inadequate access to opioids for pain treatment today. It also analyzes the history of the international drug control regime under the perspective of access to medicines and how this issue gained traction between 2009 and 2019.

Since 2018 I have been representing the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) at CND, WHO, Human Rights Council meetings, in the VNGOC's Civil Society Task Force, and took part in expert meetings on opioids in Vienna and Geneva.

I previously worked at UNODC's Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, in Vienna, supporting research on access to pain medicines. I hold a MA in International Politics and Security Studies from the University of Bradford, UK, a BA in Journalism from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC) and a BA in Social Sciences by the University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil.