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Honored to have been asked to be a vice-president candidate for IPB, and challenged to state what I can offer in this context, I would briefly like to highlight the following points where my experience and interests might be useful for IPB:

- Experience from international cooperation through some 25 years of work with UNESCO on a director's level. UNESCO's mission is broadly peace-related as stated already in the preamble of the Constitution: "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that defenses for peace must be constructed", and thereby also relevant to IPB – and vice-versa.
- Experience from having initiated, built up and run the UNESCO Women and a culture of peace program. (www.unesco.org/cpp/wcp)
- Experience from working in a Muslim country over almost three years as UNESCO's representative to Pakistan.
- A broad network of contacts within the UN, in Member States and within the community of CSOs, notably in relation to peace, human security, education, culture and gender.
- My pacifist, anti-militarist and feminist convictions would make it natural for me to have a special focus in a possible IPB vice-chair position on non-violent conflict resolution, human security, peace-building and peace education from a gender perspective.

When I retire from UNESCO in a year's time, I would have additional time for IPB.

Very best regards,

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