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As a candidate for the European elections, I commit myself to systematically recognising the fundamental role of the family as the basic unit of society. When making political decisions, I promise to commit, namely, to the following:

1. Towards a European Natality Pact

The Demographic Winter is a silent emergency which concerns all European Countries. Europe needs a demographic Spring. Our children are our primary common good. I commit to raising awareness about the European demographic decline, proposing concrete measures and instruments to change the current trends.

2. Applying "Family Mainstreaming"

The family is the cornerstone of society. The European Union must take European families into account in all its decisions, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity. I am committed to promoting the concept of "family mainstreaming" in all sectoral policies.

3. Promoting the Voices of Families

Family associations are the voice of families, authentically articulating their needs and increasing civic engagement. I pledge to recognise the contributions and role of family associations in the design and development of European programmes.

4. An Economy at the Service of the Family

Families are the source of resilience for societies and help relieve distressed public finances. I am committed to supporting public policies that recognise the dignity of the family and its fundamental economic role in the common good, working in favour of tax justice and promoting good practices, such as a European Family Card.

5. Dignified Work as Necessary for Every Family

The family is a natural key player in the promotion of social inclusion. I pledge to work for policies that do not consider the labour market solely in light of economy and finance but that focus primarily on the person and his or her talents, retaining this a form of active participation in the common good and an instrument to prevent poverty. Therefore, I am also committed to recognising both the value of the work of the mother and father in the home and the value of volunteering as a contribution to social cohesion.





6. Balance Between Family Life and Professional Life

The family should be the starting point from which working conditions are designed, so as to provide families with living conditions that facilitate time together, thus maintaining population dynamics, and to contribute to social cohesion. I am committed to fostering a better articulation of the balance between family life and professional life for the benefit of the family, including reserving Sunday as a common weekly day of rest.

7. Acknowledging the Complementarity of Woman and Man

The family is the first engine of generativity for all of society. I recognise the complementarity between man and woman and refute any attempt to erase sexual differences through public policies.

8. Respecting and Promoting the Institution of Marriage

Stronger familial bonds improve the wellbeing of individuals. The EU and its Member States are called to respect the institution of marriage and to promote best practices in preventing family breakdown. Under the subsidiarity principle, I will oppose any interference of the European Union in the legal definition of marriage.

9. Respect for Human Dignity from the Beginning to Natural End of Life

The family is the natural place where every new life is welcomed. I pledge to respect the dignity of every human life, at all its stages, from conception to natural death. I will encourage policies and best practices that provide special care to all children, before and after birth, and to their mothers as well as to foster care families or adoptive families.

10. Father and Mother, First and Foremost Educators of Their Children

Families have always fostered a more long-term perspective, preparing a more sustainable future. I undertake to ensure that the Union, in all its youth and education programmes, respects and promotes the right of parents to educate their children in conformity with their cultural, moral and religious traditions which favour the good and dignity of the child.

