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Dear Ms. Reader,

Hereby, I respond to the Secretary UCSRN position on the UCSRN website/ election website. This position caught my attention because it reflects my joy in communicating with others while staying neatly on task. Communication and management are vital pillars in supporting an organization with which I have experience. My motivation structure is as follows: introduction about myself, my drive and qualifications, and the future of UCSRN with me as your candidate for secretary.

My name is Dominique Lopez, and I am a student at University College Maastricht. I am a first-year student, currently thinking of specializing in economics and management. I will briefly highlight some fun facts about me that are not mentioned in my CV. For sports, I enjoy running with my dad almost every morning before class. For hobbies, I enjoy playing ping-pong and eating with friends.

In support of my CV, most of the leadership positions I have experienced directly align with the secretary's tasks. In high school, I had the chance to be secretary for the Student Council, where I was tasked with drafting emails and recording minutes. This position was one of my first leadership positions and introduced me to the basics of managing communication throughout an organization. Moreover, when I was Lieutenant Governor for Key Club in Aruba and Curacao as part of Key Club, I gained valuable experience writing monthly newsletters while ensuring all the clubs under my District were up to date with information and running smoothly. For my monthly newsletters, I would include information given to me by the Key Club Caribbean Atlantic Governor and updates for the clubs to read. I used Whatsapp for fast communication and held monthly meetings for club updates to stay in touch with the clubs in Aruba and Curacao.

Furthermore, my role as Spokesperson and PR Committee President of the Youth Parliament of Aruba meant that I had to hold committee meetings and manage social media/tv. In my

committee meetings, I would write minutes and ensure members felt free to come up with their project ideas while completing their tasks. For social media management, I would take pictures at events of the Youth Parliament and post them on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Last but not least, in my current role as a member of the EuroMUN Marketing & Communications Committee, I deepened my knowledge and experience of managing social media and the website. Before joining this committee, I had limited knowledge of working on a website. However, I can now write pages and edit the website if needed with practice. To add to this, I also contribute to the social media for EuroMUN by designing posts/ coming up with captions alongside Instagram and Facebook alongside committee members.

Coming from Aruba, my experience in the Netherlands as a UCM student has been fantastic regardless of not attending classes in person for half of the year. The interdisciplinarity and small-scale discussions offered with our Problem-Based-Learning approach have constantly enabled me to stay engaged within my classes. The connectedness that I feel at my school directly aligns with the core values and long term goals of the UCSRN. For example, the feeling of inclusivity and engagement are pillars of UC's that attract numerous students yearly, including myself. In the future, I hope to continue the promotion of diversity and inclusion at UC's, continue the engagement and spirit connected to the UC community, and foster more discussions, as well as awareness of UCSRN whereby more UC students can take part.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in reading my motivations.

Kind regards, Dominique Lopez.

Annex: Curriculum Vitae