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I am writing to offer support to the initiative of creating a *Junior Euro-Arab Consultancy Network*.

The purpose of this letter is to show my enthusiastic support for Mona Shair and Olaf Deussen's Euro-Arab Consultancy Network. I have read their proposal, and have had conversations with Ms. Shair surrounding this very pressing topic.

I am the Chief Editor of MidiaWatch, which is a quarterly magazine on media and minorities, Chair of media monitoring organisation, Fair Play and member of the Danish Human Rights Institute's Council. On the international level, I am President of ENAR – Brussels which is the largest EU network against racism with over 600 member organisations, member of the "Board of Trustees" of the Dutch Foundation " More colour in the media" and board member of international foundation" Education for life" based in Israel.

My organisation The European Network Against Racism is involved in creating an understanding between EU majorities and diverse ethnic and religious minorities who have made Europe their second home. One of the issue, I am deeply involved is Jewish Muslim Dialogue in Europe to create an atmosphere of good relationships between these two faiths, and people who adhere to these. It is in this context, I believe that bridge building between the West and Arab/ Muslim world is of paramount importance.

I've known Ms. Shair, and can attest to her expertise in many aspects of network building. My experience with Ms. Shair has shown me her undying dedication and passion for the subject of intercultural communication. I therefore urge you to support this ambitious but timely initiative.

Sincerely,

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