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Dear Comrades and Friends,

In the upcoming XXVI Socialist International Congress, to be held in Madrid on November 25-27, the Socialist Party (PS Portugal) fully subscribes and supports the candidacy of our Comrade João Torres for the Socialist International Vice-President position and member of the Socialist International Presidium.

As you may know, João Torres was elected six months ago as the Deputy Secretary-General of the Socialist Party (PS Portugal) and serves as Vice-President of the Socialist Party Parliamentary Group in the Portuguese Parliament. In the past, João Torres was, namely, Secretary-General of the Socialist Youth (JS Portugal) for two terms (2012-2016), as well as Secretary of State for Consumer Protection (2018-2019) and Secretary of State for Commerce, Services and Consumer Protection (2019-2022).

Within this frame of reference, together with his competence and energy on a path of commitment and action towards the values of democracy and progress, we believe that his candidacy is vital for our political family.

Fraternal regards,

António Costa

Secretary-General of the Socialist Party (PS Portugal)