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Candidate for European Executive Committee

I am asking for your support to serve IFSW on the European executive for an additional term. I have been a social worker since 1974 and I retired from my position in Jerusalem last summer after 25 years. I have been active in the Israel Union of Social Workers since 1993. I served in several different positions including as a member of the central committee and the executive committee so I am well aware of the issues facing social workers in different areas. I have been active in IFSW since 1998 as the Israeli international representative. My retirement only gives me more time to devote to the issues of IFSW and the Israel Union.

As a social worker, I have worked mainly in the social services field, for the most part with the multi-cultural population of Jerusalem. In addition, I am a certified family therapist, a student supervisor for universities in Israel and the United States, have coordinated a major research project and worked in psychiatric settings. In other words, I have years of experience in a broad range of social work positions. My jobs have included direct practice, supervision and management.

I believe that IFSW needs to be the voice of the direct practice social worker. We need to represent the social worker who is providing direct service to the client/consumer, as well as to be the voice of the disenfranchised populations we serve. Additionally, IFSW needs to find the tools and resources to strengthen social work associations who are struggling.

For the past 2 years, I have served as the honorary treasurer and the executive member responsible for the legal body. If reelected, I would hope to continue the work that I started in these 2 positions.