### Candidate Statement – Ana Karina Cuentas Gallegos Nomination for Vice President of the International Society of Electrochemistry (2026– 2028)

It is a great honor to accept the nomination for Vice President of the International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE). I am deeply committed to the values and mission of the society and view this role as an opportunity to strengthen its global impact, particularly in regions where electrochemistry is a growing yet underrepresented field.

If elected, I will prioritize the following key areas:

## 1. Strengthening ISE in Latin America

As a researcher with strong roots in Latin America, I aim to expand ISE's reach in the region by fostering closer connections with academic institutions, national societies, and young researchers. Promoting inclusivity and increasing participation from Latin American scientists will be a central focus of my efforts.

## 2. Facilitating the Creation of New Chapters

To support local scientific communities and enhance collaboration, I will work to establish new ISE chapters in partnership with national electrochemical societies and related networks. These chapters will serve as platforms for knowledge exchange, mentorship, and joint initiatives.

# 3. Promoting Energy-Focused Thematic Meetings

Given the critical role of electrochemistry in addressing energy challenges, I will advocate for and help organize thematic meetings centered on electrochemical energy storage and conversion. These events will encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and highlight innovative research in this vital area.

## 4. Expanding ISE's Reach in Priority Regions

Beyond Latin America, I will focus on regions like India where enhanced engagement and support from ISE can drive significant scientific and educational impact. I believe in a truly global society, and I will work to ensure equitable representation and opportunity across all regions.

Through these initiatives, I am committed to helping ISE grow as an inclusive, dynamic, and forward-looking society. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and to contribute meaningfully to ISE's continued success.

Sincerely, Ana Karina Cuentas Gallegos