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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this reference letter in my capacity as Prasanna Dhamal's line manager on the "Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies" (OPTED) project at the University of Exeter. OPTED is an infrastructure project founded by the European Union's Horizon2020 programme, and Prasanna has been employed as software engineer between June and September 2022.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Prasanna in support of his future applications. During his experience in OPTED, Prasanna carried out his duties with rigour, creativity, commitment and punctuality. His main task was to design and implement a proto-type web platform where project resources (e.g., databases, academic articles, specialist software) could be uploaded and successively searched and consulted by external users. Prasanna came up with a clear plan for delivering this task in a very short time frame.

Whilst familiar with the technical aspects relevant to the project, Prasanna also managed to have a constant engagement with me and the principal investigator (Prof Susan Banducci) to explain his choices and decisions in a less technical manner. At the same time, he was very proactive and insightful in understanding requests coming from non-specialist project members and translating them into workable software solutions.

For these qualities, I firmly believe that Prasanna is a perfect candidate for similar and more senior positions in other companies. On a more personal note, Prasanna has also proven to be a very positive and respectful person, who is able to work in team and to integrate easily in new environments.

I therefore fully support his application and I remain at your disposal for every question you may have.

Sincerely,

Michele Scotto di Vettimo