**Declaration on the prevention of conflicts of interest and disclosure of information**

ZO/31/PS/2019

I, the undersigned, am informed of

1. Art.61 of the Financial Regulation following which:

**Conflict of interests**

1. Financial actors within the meaning of Chapter 4 of this Title and other persons, including national authorities at any level, involved in budget implementation under direct, indirect and shared management, including acts preparatory thereto, audit or control, shall not take any action which may bring their own interests into conflict with those of the Union. They shall also take appropriate measures to prevent a conflict of interests from arising in the functions under their responsibility and to address situations which may objectively be perceived as a conflict of interests.

2. Where there is a risk of a conflict of interests involving a member of staff of a national authority, the person in question shall refer the matter to his or her hierarchical superior. Where such a risk exists for staff covered by the Staff Regulations, the person in question shall refer the matter to the relevant authorising officer by delegation. The relevant hierarchical superior or the authorising officer by delegation shall confirm in writing whether a conflict of interests is found to exist. Where a conflict of interests is found to exist, the appointing authority or the relevant national authority shall ensure that the person in question ceases all activity in the matter. The relevant authorising officer by delegation or the relevant national authority shall ensure that any further appropriate action is taken in accordance with the applicable law.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 1, a conflict of interests exists where the impartial and objective exercise of the functions of a financial actor or other person, as referred to in paragraph 1, is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest.

(2) The notion of a ‘conflict of interests’ applies to cases where a person or entity with responsibilities for budget implementation, audit or control, or an official or an agent of national authorities at any level, is in such a situation.

I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge that I have no conflict of interest with any of the persons or organisations/institutions having submitted a grant application in the framework of the above Call for proposals, including with regard to persons or members of consortia or subcontractors or other partners proposed.

I confirm that if I discover the existence of any such potential conflict of interest while exercising my duties in relation to the above [selection round]/[reporting period], I will immediately notify the [director of the NA/president of the evaluation committee] thereof and that I will refrain from any further activity in relation to the above selection round if required.

Furthermore, I confirm that I will respect the principle of professional secrecy. I will not communicate to any third party any confidential information that may be disclosed to me intentionally or unintentionally in the context of my work in relation to the above selection round. I will not make any unauthorised use of the information that may be disclosed to me.

Name:

Signature:

Date: