Declaration on confidentiality and absence of conflict of interests - TEMPLATE

[to be signed by all external professionals supporting GSA: experts, consultants, interims, trainees, etc.]

I, the undersigned, _____, understand and agree that my involvement/assignment –direct or indirect– in/to, or in support of, any activities of the European GNSS Agency ("GSA") is subject to strict requirements, in particular regarding confidentiality and impartiality/objectivity – absence of conflict of interests.

I hereby undertake that in any part that I will take in or in support of any activities of the GSA and during the full term of my involvement in / assignment to such activities I shall act with utmost care and apply the highest professional standards, in full impartiality and objectivity, in the sole and best interest of the GSA.

I confirm that I have no conflict of interests[1] or bias whatsoever, whether actual or potential, with regard to any such GSA activities and shall prevent any such conflict of interests or bias from arising at any time in the course of my service to the GSA.

I undertake to re-assess and monitor my situation at all stages of my involvement in / assignment to GSA activities and, should I become aware –beyond my undertaking to avoid any such conflict– that I am or threaten to be in a situation of conflict of interests or bias (whether actual or potential) I shall immediately declare it to the GSA and I understand and accept that the GSA may take measures to appropriately address such situation, including without limitation requiring information and further details about it, discharging me from my involvement in such activities in whole or in part etc. I undertake to provide all reasonable support to this effect and acknowledge that I shall not be entitled to or claim any compensation as a result of any such measures.

I undertake to treat and keep in strict confidentiality any information given to or obtained by me in the course or as a result of my assignment to/with the GSA and to abide by all applicable rules on personal data protection[2]. I agree that such undertaking (as well as that of avoiding conflict of interest) shall to the extent required for the fulfilment of its full purpose survive the completion, expiry or termination of the term of my assignment/service to the GSA. In particular I shall refrain from disclosing any such information to any person and shall return to the GSA all documents and materials containing any such information on any form of support whatsoever upon expiry of my assignment or earlier on GSA's request at any time.

For the avoidance of doubt I confirm my full understanding and agreement that I am not employed by the GSA and shall refrain from any acts or representations which might give the impression of or suggest or (mis)lead to conclude to or believe in the existence of such an employment relationship, as well as from any claim based on, relating to or connected with such (non-existing) employment relationship –I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive any such claim. In particular I also shall refrain from representing or purporting to represent the GSA, as well as from issuing any opinions or making any statements in its name or on its behalf.

Done in _____, on _____.

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[1] For the purpose of this Declaration I understand that a "conflict of interests" shall be deemed to exist in case of any situation in which the impartial and objective exercise of my functions / service provision for the GSA is or could be compromised for reasons involving my family, emotional life, friends or acquaintances, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other shared interest with certain economic or scientific operators, in particular such as might have a potential interest (whether financial or otherwise) in the outcome of any (part of) assignment entrusted to me.

[2] I acknowledge and accept that the GSA is required to process personal data in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community [European Union] institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.