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To

Dr Henning Gadeke

Chair of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board

c/o Dr Michael Makanga, Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3

Joint Undertaking Global Health EDCTP3

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Letter of endorsement

Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Groupe de Recherche Action en Santé (GRAS), 06 BP 10248 Ouagadougou 06, located in Somgandé, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19th November 2021, establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

The GRAS is a research institute renowned internationally as one of the pioneering private research institutes in West Africa. The institute operates under an official license from the Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation of Burkina Faso. In line with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU vision, GRAS ambition to contribute through research to improving the health and well-being of population in sub-Saharan Africa. Hence over the years, GRAS has fostered enduring partnerships with various stakeholders including health institutes, academia, pharma companies, Non-Governmental Organizations, etc..., both nationally and internationally, solidifying its position as a key player in the field of health research.

The GRAS contribution to SINCEP-Africa will be led by Prof Sodiomon Bienvenu Sirima and his team. Prof Sirima is the CEO of GRAS. He has accumulated during the years some knowledgeable experience and expertise in clinical research that will inform the successful implementation of the Work package 5 (Clinical research and interventions management) he will be leading. Prof Sirima team will contribute through their time and efforts to the accomplishment of the tasks outlined in the proposal (i.e

Master protocol development, conduct of clinical research and interventions, Monitoring and analysis, designing and Piloting innovative tools) to ensure deliverables and milestones are adequately and timely met.

We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to be at the magnitude of **EUR 125 000** over the five-year duration of the SINCEP-Africa project.

We confirm the following:

1. We will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules, including the relevant work programmes and in particular the call conditions therein.
2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 JU call topic preparation and publication, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. We further understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the release of confidential information to any legal entities save where specifically authorised by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the “need-to-know” principle.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.
4. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
5. We accept that additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and topic text.

Yours faithfully,



Prof Sodiomon B. Sirima
Chief Executive Officer