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Subject: Letter of endorsement for advancement of clinical trials and Epidemic preparedness Capacity in Africa (ACT-PREP) proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University of Juba, P.O Box 82 Juba – South Sudan 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 University of Juba (UoJ) is a leading public university in South Sudan that provides higher education and offers various programmes relevant to epidemic preparedness. The university aims to strengthen capacity-building training for research, epidemic preparedness, and response within the country. Through the application, UoJ hopes to support and benefit from training and mentorship in scientific leadership in fragile contexts, utilising its academic influence and contextual expertise. However, the university also has ongoing gaps in organised mentorship systems, research infrastructure, and the integration of epidemic preparedness in the curricula. The project will enhance UoJ's ability to train faculty who can then deliver scalable training and incorporate outbreak preparedness into academic programmes. This supports the consortium's objective of fostering resilient, Africa-led scientific leadership for epidemic response.

UoJ will contribute in-kind to operational activities (IKOP) to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU call for the Global collaborative action for strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia over five years (2026–2031) through the institutional resources, such as staff time, office space, internet and a few projects which offer some data for some fellows. Our contributions will add to JHU's objective of capacity building for scientific leadership. The University of Juba will participate in Work Package 7 and 8 on training and

mentorship for scientific leadership, as well as other work packages on ethics and pharmacovigilance strengthening. We shall contribute to deliverables such as comprehensive needs assessment reports, writing of publications from the works of the consortia. We also hope to have our capacity developed in key areas such as ethics and training of senior scientists through the network.

We estimate the total value of our contribution (only in-kind) to be EUR 70,000 per year. This will cover personnel costs, operational support for project implementation, access to datasets on epidemic or clinical research, office space and internet connectivity, and publication costs, among others. This will be largely towards WP6 (Eur 55,000) and WP7 (15,000 Euro)

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,



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