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OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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To The 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 Joint Undertaking

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Letter of endorsement**

On behalf of Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS), 1 Mahatma Gandhi Road, [VAT number **MW20122181**] and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19<sup>th</sup> 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 KUHeS is the premier health-related university in Malawi established in May, 2021 by the merging of the Kamuzu College of Nursing and the College of Medicine, both of which were previously constituent Colleges of the University of Malawi (UNIMA). Its mission is *"To advance knowledge, professional competencies, skills, and innovations in health sciences through high-quality student-centred and innovative education and **research that responds to and influences global/national policy, health, and development needs** in an efficient, sustainable, and result-oriented manner."*

In line with this mission, the KUHeS recognizes the importance of discovering novel and effective strategies for combating malaria in Malawi which accounts for an estimated 6 million cases per year, 30% of all outpatient visits and 34% of all hospitalizations. For this reason, the KUHeS has, over the years, invested in malaria research which has led to the discovery of novel malaria diagnostic, preventive and treatment interventions, including the recently WHO-approved RTS,/AS01E vaccine. This area of work dovetails very well with the EDCTP3 objectives.

I am pleased to confirm our strong institutional support for the project titled **"Enhanced Surveillance and Treatment Adaptation for Artemisinin Resistance in Africa (E-STAR)"**, submitted under the HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-01-MALARIA-02 call.

The KUHeS is fully committed to the success of this multi-country initiative and hereby confirms the allocation of **€389,557.50** as in-kind contribution to support the E-Star project implementation in Malawi. A detailed breakdown of the contribution is shown in the KUHeS budget). Our institutional in-kind support includes, but is not limited to:

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### **1. Personnel and Technical Expertise**

- Dedicated time from senior scientific staff, including investigators, epidemiologists, research clinicians, field data collectors, surveillance coordinators and social scientists.
- Project management, administrative, and financial oversight personnel.
- Institutional human resource and financial management

### **2. Facilities and Infrastructure**

- Access to furnished office space, laboratories, meeting rooms, and sample storage at our Mangochi site.
- Use of our secure REDCap-based data systems, IT infrastructure, server and internet bandwidth.
- Laboratory and diagnostic support, including access to blood and dry blood spot sample storage facilities, malaria microscopy, and Biochemistry and Hematology services.

### **3. Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

- Use of our well-established community liaison structures to mobilize, engage, and retain participants.
- Facilitation of ethical and regulatory submissions and liaison with local and national authorities.
- Contribution of institutional research dissemination platforms for community and stakeholder engagement.

### **4. Operational and Logistical Support**

- Institutional vehicles and transport systems for sample and staff movement.
- Institutional audit services
- Utilities (electricity, water), routine maintenance, and administrative logistics absorbed by the Institute.
- Coordination and logistical support for workshops, trainings, and consortium governance meetings.

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,



**Professor Macpherson Mallewa**  
**VICE CHANCELLOR**