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Subject: Letter of Endorsement – Application to Become a Contributing Partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Faculty of Health Sciences and Tropical Medicine at the **Somali National University (SNU)**, establishing joint undertakings under Horizon Europe, I respectfully submit our application to become a contributing partner to the **Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU)**. Founded in 1954 and re-established in 2014, Somali National University is the leading public institution of higher education in Somalia, with 12 colleges, over 700 academic staff, and approximately 10,000 students. **Through Faculty of Health Sciences and Tropical Medicine**, SNU leads implementation research and public health workforce training across the country.

SNU will actively contribute to the **Global Health EDCTP3 JU**

Nature and Scope of the Contribution

While SNU will contribute to most of the project’s work packages as needed, it will specifically commit to making an in-kind contribution (IKOP), estimated at **€220,000**, to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU under Work Package 10, entitled “*Institutional Capacity Strengthening*.” The nature of the contribution includes:

- Co-leading capacity assessment needed for the curriculum development of the Master in epidemiology and biostatistics.
- Co-training on SNU staff on epidemiology and biostatistics courses
- Co-leading Development of curriculum for Master program in epidemiology and biostatistics.
- Contribute to the selection and recruitment of the Fellow students for epidemiology and biostatistics courses
- Monitor of fellows training progress
- Provide mentorship and supervision to the fellow students for epidemiology and biostatistics courses
- Support communication and engagement of work package 10.
- Provision of e-laboratory rooms equipped with video conferencing facilities and high-speed internet connectivity.
- Provision of transportation and logistical support for the fieldwork of fellows and students.

- Provision of visa facilitation free of charge for consortium professors visiting Somalia to deliver training in epidemiology and biostatistics.

Proposed Area of Involvement

This aligns with the JU's objective to build sustainable national and institutional capacity for clinical and implementation research in sub-Saharan Africa.

- **Confirmations**

We confirm the following:

1. **Regulatory Compliance:** SNU will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695, the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085, the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement, and applicable EDCTP3 JU rules and work programmes.
2. **Confidentiality:** SNU will treat all information shared in the context of EDCTP3 JU engagement as strictly confidential, especially during topic preparation, proposal evaluation, and consortium building. Internal dissemination will follow the “need-to-know” principle.
3. **Commitment:** We are confident in our institutional capacity to fulfill this commitment and understand that EDCTP3 JU resource allocation decisions may rely on the delivery of this contribution.
4. **Cost Basis:** The value of our in-kind contribution will be determined based on cost principles outlined in Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
5. **Further Agreements:** We accept that the modalities for our contribution may be further defined in subsequent agreements, such as funding arrangements or topic texts.

We thank you for considering our application and look forward to contributing to Global Health EDCTP3 JU's success in strengthening research and health systems across the region.
Yours faithfully,

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