



DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

I, the undersigned,

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Representing: _____

Project proposal name: _____

IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

(If your project proposal is approved for funding, the CEC will require the declaration of acceptance of impartiality and independence. Please check one of the two following boxes. The choice of which box to check will be determined after you have taken into account, *inter alia*, whether there exists any past or present relationship, direct or indirect, with any of the Parties to the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) or their Commission for Environmental Cooperation (“CEC”) representatives, Secretariat staff, and/or third parties involved in the performance of this contract, whether financial, professional, familial, or of another kind and whether the nature of any such relationship is such that disclosure is called for pursuant to the criteria set out below. Any doubt should be resolved in favor of disclosure.)

ACCEPTANCE

I hereby declare that **I accept** the terms of this declaration and that:

I am impartial and independent with respect to the ECA Parties and their CEC representatives, CEC Secretariat staff, and third parties involved in the performance of the proposed activities, and intend to remain so; to the best of my knowledge, there are no facts or circumstances, past or present that need be disclosed because they are likely to give rise to justifiable doubts as to my impartiality or independence, and that may constitute a conflict of interest.

OR

I am impartial and independent with respect to the ECA Parties and their CEC representatives, Secretariat staff, and/or third parties involved in the performance of the proposed activities, and intend to remain so; **however**, I wish to call your attention to the following facts or circumstances which I hereafter disclose because they might be of such a nature as to give rise to justifiable doubts as to my impartiality or independence, and that may constitute a conflict of interest. Where facts or circumstances exist that might give rise to the latter such doubts, I may set out measures I intend to take to mitigate or eliminate any doubts regarding my impartiality and independence, and/or a possible conflict of interest. (Use separate sheet and attach.)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

N.B. Signing this declaration does not guarantee that your project proposal will be approved for funding.