**Annex 3: Declaration of Anti-Plagiarism and Absence of Conflict of Interest**

**BERF Declaration of Anti-Plagiarism**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that plagiarism is the act of taking and using another’s ideas and works and passing them off as one’s own. This includes explicitly copying the whole work of another person or that of the undersigned proponents and/or using some parts of their work without proper acknowledgment and referencing.

I/We hereby attest to the originality of this research proposal and has cited properly all the references used. I/We further commit that all deliverables and the final research study emanating from this proposal shall be of original content. I/We shall use appropriate citations in referencing other works from various sources. I/We also hereby attest that this research has not yet been finished and is not part of the proponent/s’ thesis/dissertation.

I/We understand that violation from this declaration and commitment shall be subject to consequences and shall be dealt with accordingly by the Department of Education.

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**BERF Declaration of Absence of Conflict of Interest**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that conflict of interest refers to situations in which financial or other personal considerations may compromise my/our judgment in evaluating, conducting, or reporting research.

I/We hereby declare that I/we do not have any personal conflict of interest that may arise from my application and submission of my research proposal. I/We understand that my research proposal may be returned to me if found out that there is conflict of interest during the initial screening as per DO 16, s. 2017.

Further, in case of any form of conflict of interest (possible or actual) which may inadvertently emerge during the conduct of my research, I will duly report it to the research committee for immediate action.

I understand that I may be held accountable by the Department of Education for any conflict of interest which I have intentionally concealed.

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