***Annex 7a***

**Competitive Innovation Fund**

**Confidentiality Statement – CIF staff[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Statement on non-disclosure of the information and avoidance conflict of interest

I, --------------------- (*first name, last name), ------------- (position),* hereby confirm:

* I will keep any information, including, but not limited to intellectual property related information, indicated by the Applicant confidential and won’t disclose to any third party, unless otherwise required under Georgian legislation. Such liability shall be valid during the evaluation of proposals, until the time indicated by the Applicant.
* Confidential information may include, but not limit to: any analyses, compilations, data, summaries, excerpts, studies or other documents or materials (whether provided in writing or by any other means), any information relating to the project, indicated by the Applicant or by any of its representatives.
* With my best knowledge, I hereby confirm, that I have no conflict of interest with Applicant, its representatives, staff involved in the preparation and/or implementation of the project.
* I do not have direct and/or indirect (through relatives or partners) an economic, financial and/or private interest in, any other association or other organization (including any vendor of goods or services) with which a CIF grant holder university has entered into, or is considering entering into, any contract or other transaction.
* I hereby undertake, that in case I get information on such possible conflict of interest, I will immediately inform MES about such possible conflict of interest and in case, confirmed, I will avoid such conflict, including preclusion of myself in the decision-making process.

Signature

Position

Date

1. *CIF Administration Unit (AU) staff, Awards Committee and Appeals Committee members, Consulting Company to Evaluate CIF Grant Proposals.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)