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**SLIIT ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Template for Declaration of Consent**

**Note: It is desirable that a Declaration of Consent to participate in the proposed research be obtained in the following template!**

**To:** ................................................................................

 **[**Principal Researcher’s Name]

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[Name of the Institution]

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[Title of Research]

I, ............................................................................................................................................ of

[Name of Participant]

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[Address of Participant]

do hereby state that –

1. I have read the Information Sheet carefully;
2. I have discussed the details of the proposed research;
3. I have asked questions and obtained satisfactory answers;
4. I have received sufficient information of the study and its objects, benefits and risks;
5. I am aware that I am not required to join the study and that I can refuse to join without giving any reasons and with the full knowledge that such refusal will not have any adverse consequences to me, my family members, my relatives or my friends;
6. I am aware that I have full freedom at any time to leave the study during its course if I joined the study without adducing any reason, and without suffering any penalty or adverse consequence to me, my family members, my relatives or my friends;
7. I am also aware that my declining to participate in the study as well as my leaving the study at any after joining it would not affect my legal rights and freedoms which I enjoy lawfully;
8. I have had sufficient time and necessary peace of mind to reflect on the above matter and make an informed, free and voluntary decision without any fear, favour, inducement, threat or intimidation, either to consent to participate in the study or to decline to participate in the study;
9. ................................................................................., ....................................................

[Name of the Interviewer/Researcher] [Institution]

provided the Information Sheet, explained fully and satisfactorily all the details, including objects, benefits, risks, dangers, etc., of the study, answered all my queries and doubts and made me feel free to make an informed, free and voluntary decision on my participation or otherwise; and that,

1. I give my consent, freely and voluntarily, to participate in the above research study.

Signature: Date:

**Memo by the Interviewer/Researcher**

I, ................................................................................., of ....................................................

[Name of the Interviewer/Researcher] [Institution]

........................ do hereby state that I have read over and explained the contents of the Information Sheet to the above-named participant, whose questions and doubts were answered and cleared by me and I made it clear that the above-named is free to decline to participate in the research and that he/she is at liberty to make a free and voluntary decision without any fear or favour or intimidation, threat or inducement from any quarters and I am satisfied that the above-named made an informed, free and voluntary decision to participate in the research and gave his/her consent to do so.

Signature: Date: