**ANNEX A (Legal Binding Statement)**

*(Complete or delete the parts in grey italics in parenthese)*

[Choose options for parts in grey between square brackets]

The undersigned *(insert name of the signatory of this form)*:

* representing the following legal person:

Full official name:

Official legal form:

Full official address:

VAT registration number:

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* express [his][her] interest in the AICS – Expression of Interest for one consultant to carry out a study on the value chains of fishing and aquaculture in Egypt

and

* declare that [he][she] [the above-mentioned legal person] is not in one of the exclusion situation listed in Article 38 of the Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, namely:
1. is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
2. has been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by a judgment of a competent authority of an EU Member State country or other countries covered by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) which has the force of *res judicata*;
3. has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can justify including by decisions of international organisations;
4. is not in compliance with all its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established, with those of the country of the contracting authority and those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
5. has been the subject of a judgement which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity, where such activity is detrimental to the Contracting Authority's financial interests;
6. is a subject of an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a procurement procedure or failing to supply this information, or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts covered by the European Union's budget;
* declare also that [the above-mentioned legal person][he][she]:

g) has no conflict of interest in connection with the contract: a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinity, family, emotional life or any other shared interest;

h) will inform the Contracting Authority, without delay, of any situation considered a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;

i) has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to award of the contract;

j) provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the Contracting authority within the context of this procedure;

* give unambiguous consent to the use of the personal data for the purpose of the puroposes of this expression of interest (Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003).
* acknowledge that [he][she] may be subject to criminal, administrative and financial penalties (as per Article 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000) if any of the declarations or information provided prove to be false.

Full name Date Signature