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DECLARATION – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EXPERT EVALUATION OF APPOINTMENT AND/OR PROMOTIONS

There must be no conflict of interest between you as an expert, on the one hand, and applicant(s), on the other hand. Any circumstance that may put a person's impartiality in question can be considered a conflict of interest and thus disqualify for taking on the assignment. Karlstad University therefore ask you to confirm that no conflict of interest apply to you. If you are unsure, please contact the person responsible for the appointment and/or promotion. Below is a list of examples of when there is a conflict of interest:

- Conflict of interest applies in cases where scientific collaboration or co-production has taken place during the past five years. This includes co-authoring articles and books as well as joint funding applications.
- Conflict of interest can apply to a period longer than five years in cases of close collaboration.
- Exceptions from the five-year rule may be given if the collaboration took the form of a multi-center study; this shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- A conflict of interest always exists for a supervisor-doctoral student relationship, regardless of time elapsed.
- A conflict of interest may exist when a person taking part in the evaluation of a candidate belongs to the same institution (particularly small and medium-sized ones) or a similar financially independent unit as the candidate under evaluation.
- A conflict of interest exists in cases involving family members (partners, parents, children, siblings) or other people closely related to the candidate(s).
- A conflict of interest exists when there is evident friendship, enmity, or known/open dispute.

Concerning evaluation of candidate(s) for position and/or promotion, name(s):

☐ I hereby declare that there are no grounds for disqualification to participate as an external expert and evaluate the candidate(s) for the above mentioned position and/or promotion.

☐ I claim an exception to the 5-year rule because:

Signature external expert

Name

Date

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Please sign the form digitally if possible, otherwise print, sign and scan.