***Annex 5***

**TRAVEL SUPPORT SCHEME**

**WITHIN THE FUND FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS**

**DECLARATION**

**ON DEFINITIONS OF IRREGULARITY AND FRAUD**

The undersigned: .................................................................................. (*full name*), in my capacity as ............................................................... in/of .............................................................................., UIC ................................... (*or another identification number for foreign applicants*),

**in connection with a Request for Support ……………………………………………….. under the Travel Support Scheme under the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Security Programme within the Fund for Bilateral Relations,**

**declare that I am aware of:**

**1.** **The definition of irregularity**, namely:

An irregularity under Art. 12.2, para. 1 of the Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021 (the Regulation), means an infringement of:

(a) the legal framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021, referred to in Art 1.5 of the Regulation;

(b) any provision of European Union Law; or

(c) any provision of the national law of the Beneficiary State,

which affects or prejudices any stage of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State, in particular, but not limited to, the implementation and/or the budget of any programme, project or other activities financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

**2.** **The definition of fraud**, namely:

A fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests, under Art. 1, para 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, means:

(а) in respect of expenditure – any intentional act or omission relating to:

- the use or presentation of false, incorrect or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the misappropriation or wrongful retention of funds from the general budget of the European Communities or budgets managed by, or on behalf of, the European Communities,

- non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation, with the same effect,

- the misapplication of such funds for purposes other than those for which they were originally granted,

(b) in respect of revenue - any intentional act or omission relating to:

- the use or presentation of false, incorrect or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the illegal diminution of the resources of the general budget of the European Communities or budgets managed by, or on behalf of, the European Communities,

- non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation, with the same effect,

- misapplication of a legally obtained benefit, with the same effect.

**3.** **Indicators of irregularities and fraud** set out in the Information Note on the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Structural Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion fund of the Coordination Committee of the Funds (COCOF 09/0003/00-EN).

**I am aware of the criminal liability under Art. 313 of the Criminal Code for declaring false circumstances.**

Date of declaration: Declarer:

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(signature)