**Annex 5**

to the long-term State Research Programme

“Innovation Fund – Long-term Research Programme”

Regulations for the Open Call for Platform Applications

**Declaration of Absence of Conflict of Interest and Maintenance of Confidentiality**

**1. Conflict of Interest**

Conflicts of interest are established in the following situations:

1. the expert is the platform leader or the platform specialist in any of the platform applications submitted within the scope of the open call for platform applications (hereinafter – the platform application) of the long-term State research programme “Innovation Fund – Long-term Research Programme” (hereinafter – the open call) announced by the Latvian Council of Science (hereinafter – the Council);

2. the expert has been involved in scientific collaboration with the platform applicant, the platform leader or the platform expert in the last five years. Scientific collaboration includes joint scientific publications, collaboration in the preparation of platform applications or other project proposals for this and other open calls, the implementation of joint projects, and other forms of collaboration;

3. the expert has been in a supervisor-student relationship with the platform leader or the platform specialist in the last ten years;

4. the expert is in a relationship of kinship, marriage, affinity or indirect personal relationship (e.g. through colleagues or family members) with the platform leader or the platform specialist;

5. the expert may directly or indirectly benefit financially from the approval or non-approval of the platform application and may benefit financially from access to the platform application/mid-term report/final report of the platform and the results achieved within the scope of the platform;

6. the expert has a present or past personal conflict with the platform leader or the platform specialist;

7. the expert and the platform leader or the platform specialist have been employed by the same organisation (including committee, editorial board, etc.) in the last three years.

# 2. Confidentiality Requirements

By agreeing to participate in the evaluation of the application/mid-term report/final report of the platform for this open call for platform applications, the expert agrees to comply with the following confidentiality requirements:

1. any information provided by the Council to the expert shall only be used for the evaluation of the platform application/mid-term report/final report of the platform. The information received and the evaluations made may not be passed on to third parties;

2. the expert shall ensure that all documentation and information relating to the evaluation, whether in paper or electronic format, is stored securely and destroyed at the end of the evaluation process;

3. the evaluation by the expert shall be sent to the platform applicant, the evaluation may not contain any information on the identity of the expert.

I, (given name, surname of the expert), hereby confirm that I have read and considered all the abovementioned conflicts of interest. I hereby declare that I have no conflict of interest and I undertake to comply with the confidentiality requirements set out above.

Date

Signature

Given name, surname: