



## **Declaration of Adherence**

The undersigned bank declares that it has read the Dutch Banking Sector Agreement on international responsible business conduct regarding human rights (hereafter “the Agreement”), signed in The Hague on \_\_\_\_\_ ... and subscribes to its objectives and will implement the activities falling within the scope of its business.

The undersigned bank acknowledges its obligations under all national and international laws and regulations, and will act in accordance therewith. The undersigned bank will ensure that the practical implementation of the Agreement is within the boundaries of the applicable national and international competition laws and regulations.

In particular, the undersigned bank will ensure that all discussions and flows of information in the context of the Agreement will not result in an exchange of commercially sensitive information between competitors. For this purpose, the undersigned bank will also sign and comply with the Confidentiality Protocol envisaged in section 13.1 k of the Agreement. Furthermore, the undersigned bank understands that nothing in the Agreement should limit its freedom or discretion to make its own business decisions independently. Finally, the undersigned bank will not collude with its competitors, will avoid any discussion or action that might be construed as collusion among competitors, and will continue to make all its business decisions independently.

The undersigned bank is required to stop any violation of these obligations and report them to the appropriate counsel.

This Declaration is valid until the end of the Agreement.

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(signature)

Appendix to Declaration: The Dutch Banking Sector Agreement on international responsible business conduct regarding human rights, dated \_\_\_\_\_, and the Confidentiality Protocol, dated \_\_\_\_\_.