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**CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARD TO AUTOMATIC PROCESSING  
OF PERSONAL DATA**

**CONVENTION 108**

**Model Contractual Clauses for the Transfer of Personal Data**

**Module 1:**

**from Controller to Controller**

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## Cover Note

These Model Contractual Clauses aim to ensure an appropriate level of protection for the transfer of personal data to countries that are not Parties to Convention 108 as amended by the Protocol CETS No. 223 and may be subject to transposition and/or approval under the domestic legislation of the respective Party (Article 14(3) (b) of Convention 108 as amended by the Protocol CETS No. 223)<sup>1</sup>.

It is for each Party to decide whether to approve these clauses as standardised contractual tool for data transfers. In doing so, each Party will also have to consider whether these clauses are compatible with its domestic mandatory requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Upon entry into force of the Protocol CETS No. 223 amending Convention (ETS No. 108) for the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data these Model Contractual Clauses are to be further developed or approved by the Convention Committee set up in line with Chapter VI of Convention 108+.

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
CONVENTION 108+**

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Term: Start date [MM/DD/YEAR] – End date [MM/DD/YEAR]

**Data exporter information**

Full legal name:

Trading name (if different):

Main address (if a company registered address):

Official registration number (if any):

Key contact (full name, job title, contact details including email):

**Data importer information**

Full legal name:

Trading name (if different):

Main address (if a company registered address):

Official registration number (if any):

Key contact (full name, job title, contact details including email):

By the signatures of their authorised representatives below, the Data exporter and the Data importer agree to be bound by these Model Contractual Clauses (hereinafter “the Clauses”).

**Signed for and on behalf of the Data exporter**

Signed:

Date of signature [MM/DD/YEAR]

Full name:

Job title:

**Signed for and on behalf of the Data importer**

Signed:

Date of signature [MM/DD/YEAR]

Full name:

Job title:

## MODEL CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES

### PART I – HORIZONTAL CLAUSES

#### Clause 1. Purpose and scope

1.1. The aim of these Clauses is to ensure compliance with the requirements for the Transfer(s) of Personal data to a Non-Party under Convention 108 as amended by the Protocol CETS No. 223 (hereinafter “the Convention”).

In this regard, these Clauses, together with their Annexes which form an integral part thereof provide an appropriate level of protection for the transfer of Personal data within the meaning of Article 14(2), (3)(b) of the Convention.

1.2. These Clauses shall apply to the Transfer(s) of Personal data as described in Annex 1.

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#### Clause 2. Definitions

[Note: Apart from the sources cited with respect to each defined term, see also document T-PD(2020)06rev3, [Interpretation of provisions, 7 May 2021](#). These definitions should be in alphabetical order in the language used.

As used in these Clauses, the following terms starting with a capital letter shall have the following specific meanings:

**Applicable law:** rules for the protection of Personal data applicable in the jurisdiction of the Data exporter.

**Biometric data:** data resulting from a specific technical processing of Personal data concerning the physical, biological or physiological characteristics of an individual, which allows the unique identification or authentication of the individual when it is precisely used to uniquely identify the data subject

[Source: Para. 58 of Explanatory Report].

**Convention:** Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to the processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108), as amended by Protocol CETS No. 223, adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 128th Session in Elsinore on 18 May 2018.

**Controller:** the natural or legal person, public authority, service, agency or any other body which, alone or jointly with others, has decision-making powers with respect to the Processing.  
[Source: Article 2 of the Convention]

**Data breach:** any accidental or unauthorised access to, destruction, loss, use, modification or disclosure of Personal data due to a violation of the principle of data security.  
[Source: Article 7 of the Convention]

**Data exporter:** the Controller, located in a country that is a Party to the Convention that transfers Personal data to a Data importer.

**Data importer:** the Controller to which the Data exporter transfers Personal data and that is located in a country that is a Non-Party to the Convention.

**Genetic data:** all Personal data relating to the genetic characteristics of an individual that have been either inherited or acquired during early prenatal development, as they result from an analysis of a biological sample from the individual concerned including chromosomal, DNA or RNA analysis or analysis of any other element enabling equivalent information to be obtained.  
[Source: Para. 57 of the Explanatory Report]

**Non-Party:** a State that has not ratified the Convention or where it is not yet in force.  
[Source: Article 26(3) of the Convention]

**Onward transfer:** the transfer of Personal data by the Data importer to another Controller or Processor located in the same or in another jurisdiction.

**Party (or Parties):** the Data importer and/or Data exporter signatories to these Clauses.

**Personal data:** any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual (hereinafter “Data subject”), whatever his/her nationality or residence.  
[Source: Article 2 of the Convention; Para. 15 of the Explanatory Report]

**Processing:** any operation or set of operations performed on Personal data, such as the collection, storage, preservation, alteration, retrieval, disclosure, making available, erasure, or destruction of, or the carrying out of logical and/or arithmetical operations on such data. Where automated processing is not used, processing means an operation or set of operations performed upon Personal data within a structured set of such data which are accessible or retrievable according to specific criteria.  
[Source: Article 2 of the Convention]

**Processor:** a natural or legal person, public authority, service, agency or any other body that processes Personal data on behalf and under the instructions of the Controller.  
[Source: Article 2 of the Convention]

**Recipient:** a natural or legal person, public authority, service, agency or any other body to whom data are disclosed or made available.

[Source: Article 2 of the Convention]

**Special categories of data:** (i) genetic data, (ii) Personal data relating to offences, criminal proceedings and convictions, or related security measures; (iii) Biometric data processed for the purpose of uniquely identifying a person; or (iv) Personal data for the information they reveal relating to racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, trade-union membership, religious or other beliefs, health or sexual life.

[Source: Article 6 of the Convention]

**Supervisory authority/ies:** one or more authorities responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Convention as incorporated by the Applicable law.

[Source: Article 15 of the Convention]

**Third party beneficiary:** the Data subject whose Personal data have been transferred under these Clauses.

**Third Party:** a natural or legal person, public authority, service, agency or any other body that is not a Party to these Clauses but to which the Personal data is onward transferred by the Data importer, located in the same or in a different jurisdiction as the Data importer.

**Transfer:** the disclosure or making available of Personal data to a recipient subject to the jurisdiction of a country that is a Non-Party to the Convention.

[Source: Article 14 of the Convention, para. 102 to 104 of the Explanatory report, and the legal opinion provided by the Legal Advisor DLAPIL02/2021\_JP/DG3]

### **Clause 3. Amendment of the Model Contractual Clauses**

3.1. These Clauses set out appropriate safeguards, including, obligations for Controllers, enforceable Data subject rights and effective legal remedies, pursuant to Articles 14(2) and 14(3)(b) of the Convention, provided they are not modified, except to add or update information in the Annexes or to choose an option where it is provided for by the specific Clause.

This does not prevent the Parties from including these Clauses in a wider contract and/or to add other clauses or additional safeguards, provided that they do not contradict, directly or indirectly, these Clauses, or the Applicable law, or prejudice the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Data subjects recognised in the Convention.

3.2. These Clauses are without prejudice to obligations to which the Data exporter is subject by virtue of the Applicable law.

#### **Clause 4. Interpretation and relation with other agreements**

4.1 Where these Clauses use terms that are defined in the Convention, those terms shall have the same meaning as in the Convention, unless they have a specific meaning as set out in Clause 2.

4.2 These Clauses shall be read and interpreted in the light of the provisions of the Convention and its Explanatory Report.

4.3 These Clauses shall not be interpreted in a way that conflicts with rights and obligations provided for in the Convention as incorporated by the Applicable law. If the meaning of the Clauses is unclear or there is more than one meaning, the meaning which most closely aligns with the Convention applies.

4.4 In the event of a contradiction between these Clauses and the provisions of related agreements between the Parties, existing at the time these Clauses are agreed or entered into thereafter, these Clauses shall prevail. The exception to this is where the conflicting terms of the related agreements provide greater protection for Data subjects, in which case those terms shall prevail over these Clauses.

#### **Clause 5. Execution of the Clauses and Notices**

5.1 These Clauses may be executed in any number of counterparts. Once each Party has received a counterpart signed by the other Party (or a digital copy of that signed counterpart), those counterparts will together constitute one and the same instrument and each of which will be, and will be deemed to be, an original.

5.2 Each Party warrants that it has full corporate power and has been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action on its part, to enter into, execute, deliver and perform its obligations under these Clauses.

5.3 All notices and requests under these Clauses by a Party to another Party shall be in writing and shall be served by mail, or by electronic mail to the key contact indicated on the First Page, or to such different addresses as may be communicated by the Party by written notice to the other Party. If the notice or request is sent by e-mail, it will be deemed to have been delivered at the time the e-mail was sent, or if that time is outside of the receiving Party's normal business hours, the receiving Party's next normal business day, and provided no notice of non-delivery or bounce back is received.

## **Clause 6. Accession clause (Optional)**

6.1 An entity that is not a Party to these Clauses may, with the agreement of the other Parties, accede to these Clauses at any time, either as a Data exporter or as a Data importer, by completing and signing Annex 2 and, if required, updating the description of the transfer in Annex 1.

6.2 Once it has completed and signed Annex 2, the acceding entity shall become a Party to these Clauses and shall have the rights and obligations of a Data exporter or Data importer in accordance with its designation in Annex 2.

6.3 The acceding entity shall have no rights or obligations arising under these Clauses from the period prior to becoming a Party.

## **Clause 7. Third party beneficiaries**

The Parties agree and acknowledge that any Data subject whose Personal data were transferred under these Clauses shall be entitled to invoke the safeguards and guarantees set out in Section II and III of these Clauses as a Third-party beneficiary with respect to any provisions of these Clauses affording a right, action, claim, benefit or privilege to such Data subject.

## **SECTION II – DATA PROTECTION SAFEGUARDS: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

### **Clause 8. Due diligence and cooperation**

8.1 The Data exporter warrants that it has used reasonable efforts to determine that the Data importer is able, in particular, through the implementation of appropriate technical and organisational measures, to satisfy its obligations under these Clauses.

8.2 The Data exporter shall cooperate with and provide reasonable assistance to the Data importer, if that is necessary to enable the Data importer to comply with its obligations set out in this Section.

### **Clause 9. Purpose limitation**

The Data importer shall process the Personal data only for the specific purpose(s) of the Transfer, as set out in Annex 1. It may also process the Personal data

- (a) when this is necessary to preserve the vital interests of the Data subject;
- (b) for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings in a particular case.



## **Clause 10. Transparency of processing**

10.1 In order to enable Data subjects to exercise their rights effectively pursuant to these Clauses, the Data importer shall proactively inform them, free of charge, either directly or through the Data exporter of:

- (a) its identity and the contact details;
- (b) the legal basis and the purpose(s) of the intended Processing;
- (c) the categories of Personal data processed;
- (d) the Recipients or categories of Recipients of the Personal data, if any;
- (e) the means of exercising the rights set out in these Clauses;
- (f) any necessary additional information in order to ensure fair and transparent Processing of the Personal data such as the retention period, the logic underlying the Processing (in particular in case of the use of algorithms for automated decision making, including profiling) or information on Onward transfers (including the grounds therefor and the measures taken in order to guarantee an appropriate level of protection); and
- (g) the right to obtain a copy of these Clauses.

10.2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply where the Data subject already has the relevant information.

10.3 Where the Personal data are not collected from the Data subjects, the Data importer shall not be required to provide such information to the Data subject or to the Data exporter where the processing is expressly prescribed by law, or this proves to be impossible or involves disproportionate efforts. In the latter case, the Data importer shall, to the extent possible, make the information publicly available.

## **Clause 11. Accuracy and data minimisation**

11.1 Each Party shall ensure that the Personal data is accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date. The Data importer shall take every reasonable step to ensure that Personal data that is inaccurate, having regard to the purpose(s) of Processing, is erased or rectified without delay.

11.2 If the Data importer is informed by the Data exporter of corrections made by the Data exporter to the Personal data, the Data importer shall promptly implement those corrections.

11.3 The Data importer shall ensure that the Personal data is adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose(s) of Processing.

[Source: Article 5(4)(c) of the Convention]

## **Clause 12. Limited retention period**

The Data importer shall retain the Personal data for no longer than necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed. It shall put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure compliance with this obligation, including erasure or anonymisation of the data and all back-ups at the end of the retention period.

## **Clause 13. Data security**

13.1 The Data importer and, during transmission, also the Data exporter shall implement appropriate security measures, both of a technical and organisational nature, for each Processing, in particular to protect against the risk of Data breaches. In adopting such measures, they shall take into account, in particular, the nature of the Processing, the nature and volume of the Personal data processed, the degree of vulnerability of the technical architecture used for the Processing, the state of the art and the cost of implementation. The measures should be commensurate with the seriousness and probability of the potential risks. The Parties shall consider having recourse to encryption or pseudonymisation, including during transmission, where the purpose(s) of Processing can be achieved in that manner.

13.2 The Parties have agreed on the technical and organisational measures set out in Annex 3. The Data importer shall carry out regular checks to ensure that these measures continue to provide an appropriate level of security and shall update them where this is no longer the case.

13.3 If there is a substantial change in the security measures implemented and described in Annex 3, the Parties shall update the Annex.

13.4 In the event of a Data breach concerning Personal data processed by the Data importer under these Clauses, the Data importer shall take appropriate measures to address the Data breach, including measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

13.5 The Data importer shall notify – without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of the Data breach – at least the Data exporter, who shall notify the competent Supervisory authority in case the Data breach may seriously interfere with the rights and fundamental freedoms of Data subjects.

13.6 In addition, the Data importer shall notify, either directly or through the Data exporter without undue delay, the Data subjects concerned by the Data breach, where it is likely to result in a high risk to their rights and freedoms. Such notification is not required if appropriate technical and organisational measures have been applied to the Personal data affected that render it unintelligible to any person not authorised to access it, if the Data importer has taken subsequent measures which ensure that the high risk is no longer likely to materialise, or if it would involve disproportionate efforts (in which case the Data importer shall instead make a public communication or take a similar measure whereby the Data subjects are informed in an equally effective manner).

13.7 In both cases, the notification shall include adequate and meaningful information on, notably, the nature of the Data breach, the contact points where more information can be obtained and possible measures that Data subjects could take to address the Data breach, including measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

13.8 Where not all the relevant information related to the Data breach is available, notification may take place “in stages”, with more information to be provided as soon as it becomes available.

#### **Clause 14. Special categories of data**

Where the Transfer involves Special categories of data, the Data importer shall apply additional safeguards that guard against and are adapted to the risks that the Processing of such data may present for the interests, rights and fundamental freedoms of the Data subject, notably the risk of discrimination.

#### **Clause 15. Onward transfers**

15.1 The Data importer shall not onward transfer the Personal data to a Third party unless:

- (a) the law of the Third party’s jurisdiction, including its international commitments under applicable international treaties or agreements, ensures an appropriate level of protection within the meaning of Article 14(3)(a) of the Convention as transposed under the Applicable law or,
- (b) the Third party enters into a legally binding and enforceable instrument with the Data importer ensuring the same level of data protection as under these Clauses, and the Data importer provides a copy of the instrument to the Data exporter or,
- (c) the Onward transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings in a particular case or,
- (d) the Onward transfer is necessary in a specific case in order to protect the vital interests of the Data subject or of another natural person; or,
- (e) where none of the other conditions apply, the Data importer has obtained the explicit consent of the Data subject for the specific Onward transfer, after having informed him/her of its purpose(s), the identity of the Third party and the possible risks of such transfer to him/her due to the lack of an appropriate level of data protection. In this case, the Data importer shall inform the Data exporter of the Onward transfer based on consent and, at the request of the latter, shall transmit to it a copy of the information provided to the Data subject.

15.2 Any Onward transfer is subject to compliance by the Data importer with all the other safeguards under these Clauses, in particular as regards purpose limitation.

## **Clause 16. Processing under the authority of the Data importer**

16.1. The Data importer shall ensure that any person acting under its authority, including a Processor, processes the data only on its instructions and in compliance with these Clauses.

16.2 The Data importer remains fully liable to the Data exporter, the competent Supervisory authority/ies and Data subjects for its obligations under these Clauses where it has sub-contracted the processing to its Processors or authorised an employee or other person to process the data under its authority.

## **Clause 17. Documentation and compliance**

17.1 Each Party shall be able to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under these Clauses. To this end, it shall keep appropriate documentation of the Processing activities carried out under its responsibility.

17.2 Each Party shall make such documentation available to the competent Supervisory authority/ies on request.

17.3 The Data importer guarantees that it has carefully considered the impact the intended Processing might have on the rights and fundamental freedoms of Data subjects prior to the commencement of such Processing, according to the circumstances of the specific Transfer, and has taken the necessary and appropriate technical and organisational measures to comply with these Clauses, and to demonstrate such compliance to the competent Supervisory authority/ies. [Source Articles 10(2) and 10(3) of the Convention]

## **Clause 18. Rights of Data subjects**

18.1 Without undue delay, and at the latest within one month of the receipt of the enquiry or request, the Data importer, if necessary, with the assistance of the Data exporter, shall deal with any enquiries and requests it receives from a Data subject related to the Processing of his/her Personal data, including Onward transfers, and the exercise of his/her rights under these Clauses. That period may be extended by up to two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of enquiries and requests. The Data importer shall inform the Data subject of any such extension as soon as possible, and no later than five days before the end of the maximum period indicated in the first sentence , together with the reasons for the delay.

18.2 The Data importer shall inform Data subjects in a transparent and easily accessible format, through individual notice or on its website, of a contact point competent to receive enquiries, deal with requests (including on the exercise of individual rights) and handle complaints.

18.3 The Data importer shall take appropriate measures to facilitate such enquiries, requests and the exercise of Data subject rights. Any information provided to the Data subject shall be in an intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language.

18.4 Data subjects shall have the following rights against the Data importer:

- (a) not to be subject to a decision significantly affecting them based solely on the automated processing of their Personal data without having the right to challenge such a decision, to put forward their point of view and arguments, and obtain a human review, unless the automated decision is authorised by law which provides for suitable measures to safeguard the interests, rights and fundamental freedoms of the Data subject;
- (b) to obtain, on request, at reasonable intervals and without excessive delay, confirmation of the Processing of Personal data relating to them, the communication in an intelligible form of the data processed, and all available information on their origin, on the retention period as well as any other information that the Data importer is required to provide in order to ensure the transparency of Processing in accordance with Clause 10.1;
- (c) to obtain, on request, information on the reasoning underlying the Processing where the results of such Processing are applied to them;
- (d) to object at any time, on grounds relating to their situation, to the Processing of Personal data concerning them, unless the Data importer demonstrates legitimate grounds for the Processing which override their interests, rights and fundamental freedoms;
- (e) to obtain, on request without excessive delay, rectification of their Personal data that is incorrect or out of date, or erasure if their Personal data are being, or have been, processed contrary to these Clauses;
- (f) to obtain a copy of these Clauses, provided that the Data importer may redact any information contained in the Annexes of these Clauses that it or, following consultation, the Data exporter has reasonably identified as a trade secret or other confidential information. Parties should, in such cases of redaction provide a meaningful summary of the Clause so that the Data subject should be able to understand their content and exercise their rights.
- (g) to be provided with information on a contact person under the control of the Data importer, whose responsibility is to ensure compliance with letters (a) to (f) of this Clause. Data subjects shall be free to turn to the contact person at any time and at no cost in relation to the Data processing, including Onward transfers, and where applicable, to obtain assistance in exercising their rights.

18.5 The exercise of these rights shall be free of charge.

[Source: Article 9 of the Convention and para. 111 of the Explanatory Report]

18.6 The Data importer may restrict or refuse the exercise of those rights if such restriction or refusal is provided for by its domestic law, such restriction or refusal respects the essence of fundamental rights and freedoms and constitutes a necessary and proportionate measure in a democratic society for:

- (a) the protection of national security, defence, public safety, important economic and financial interests of the State, the impartiality and independence of the judiciary or the prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences and the execution of criminal penalties, and other essential objectives of general public interest;
- (b) the protection of the Data subject or the rights and fundamental freedoms of others, notably freedom of expression;
- (c) archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes when there is no recognisable risk of infringement of the interests, rights and fundamental freedoms of Data subjects

[Source: Article 11 of the Convention]

#### **Clause 19. Redress for the Data subject**

19.1 Where the Data subject invokes a Third-party beneficiary right pursuant to Clause 7, the Data importer shall accept the decision of the Data subject to lodge a complaint with the competent Supervisory authority/ies pursuant to Clause 21, and/or to refer the dispute to the competent courts pursuant to Clause 26.

19.2 (Optional) The Data importer agrees that Data subjects may lodge a complaint with [INDICATE INDEPENDENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION BODY] at no cost to them. It shall inform the Data subjects in a transparent and easily accessible format, through individual notice or on its website, of such a redress mechanism and that they are not required to use it or follow a particular sequence in seeking redress.

[Note: The Data importer may offer independent dispute resolution through an arbitration body only if such body is established in a country that has ratified the New York Convention on Enforcement of Arbitration Awards.]

Any possibility to lodge a complaint with an independent dispute resolution body does not exclude or alter the right of the Data subject afforded by these Clauses, the Applicable law or the law applicable to the Data importer to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority/ies or the courts of the competent jurisdiction.

#### **Clause 20. Liability**

20.1 Each Party shall be liable to the other Party/ies for any damages it causes the other Party/ies by any breach of these Clauses.

20.2 Each Party shall be liable to the Data subject, and the Data subject shall be entitled to receive compensation, for any material or non-material damages that the Party causes the Data subject by breaching these Clauses. This is without prejudice to the liability of the Data exporter or the Data importer under the Applicable law or the law applicable to the Data importer.

20.3 Where more than one Party is responsible for any damage caused to the Data subject as a result of a breach of these Clauses, all responsible Parties shall be jointly and severally liable and the Data subject is entitled to bring an action in court against any of these Parties.

20.4 The Parties agree that, if one Party is held liable under the previous paragraph, it shall be entitled to claim back from the other Party/ies that part of the compensation corresponding to the other Party's/Parties' responsibility for the damage.

20.5 The Controller remains responsible for the Processing where it engages a Processor to act on its behalf. The Parties may not invoke the conduct of a Processor or sub-Processor to avoid their own liability.

[Source: para. 22 of the Explanatory Report]

#### **Clause 21. Supervisory authority**

21.1 The Supervisory authority/ies with responsibility for ensuring compliance by the Data exporter with the Applicable law as regards the Transfer shall act as competent Supervisory authority/ies.

21.2 The Data importer agrees to submit itself to the jurisdiction of and cooperate with the competent Supervisory authority in any procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with these Clauses, and to abide by its decision. In particular, the Data importer agrees to respond to enquiries, submit to review or audits, and comply with the measures adopted by the Supervisory authority, including remedial and compensatory measures. It shall provide the Supervisory authority with written confirmation that the necessary actions have been taken.

### **SECTION III – DOMESTIC LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS IN CASE OF ACCESS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

#### **Clause 22. Domestic laws and practices affecting compliance with the Clauses**

22.1 The Parties warrant that they have no reason to believe that the laws and practices in the country of destination applicable to the Processing by the Data importer, including any requirements to disclose Personal data or measures authorizing access by public authorities, prevent the Data importer from fulfilling its obligations under these Clauses.

This is based on the understanding that laws and practices that respect the essence of the human rights and fundamental freedoms and do not exceed what is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to safeguard one of the objectives listed in Article 11(1) of the Convention, are not in contradiction with these Clauses.

22.2: The Parties declare that in providing the warranty pursuant to previous paragraph, they have taken due account in particular of the following elements:

- (a) the specific circumstances of the Transfer;
- (b) the laws (including case-law) and practices in the country of destination relevant in the specific circumstances of the Transfer;
- (c) any relevant contractual, technical or organisational safeguards put in place to supplement the safeguards under these Clauses.

22.3 The Data importer warrants that, in carrying out the assessment pursuant to paragraph 22.2, it has made its best efforts to provide the Data exporter with relevant information and agrees that it will continue to cooperate with the Data exporter in ensuring compliance with these Clauses.

22.4 The Parties shall document the assessment pursuant to paragraph 22.2 and make it available to the competent Supervisory authority on request.

22.5 The Data importer agrees to notify the Data exporter promptly if, after having agreed to these Clauses and for the duration of the contract, it has reason to believe that it is or has become subject to laws or practices not in line with the requirements pursuant to paragraph 22.1, including following a change in the laws of the country of destination or a measure (such as a disclosure request) indicating an application of such laws in practice that is not in line with the requirements in paragraph 22.1.

22.6 Following a notification pursuant to paragraph 22.5, or if the Data exporter otherwise has a reason to believe that the Data importer can no longer fulfil its obligations under these Clauses, the Data exporter shall promptly identify appropriate measures (e.g., technical or organisational measures to ensure security and confidentiality) to be adopted by the Data exporter and/or Data importer to address the situation. The Data exporter shall suspend the Transfer if it considers that no appropriate safeguards for such Transfer can be ensured, or if instructed by the competent Supervisory authority to do so. In this case, the Data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the Processing of Personal data under these Clauses. If the contract involves more than two Parties, the Data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise. Where the contract is terminated pursuant to this Clause, Clauses 24.4 and 24.5 shall apply.



## **Clause 23. Obligations of the Data importer in case of access by public authorities**

### **23.1 Notification**

(a) In so far as domestic law of Data importer allows, the Data importer shall notify the Data exporter and, where possible the Data subject promptly or use its best efforts to do so if it is compelled to preserve, grant access, make available or disclose Personal data transferred from the Data exporter to a Third party including to a public authority.

(b) If the Data importer is prohibited from notifying the Data exporter and/or the Data subject, then in so far domestic law allows it agrees to use its best efforts to obtain a waiver of the prohibition with a view to communicating as much information as possible. The Data importer agrees to document its efforts in order to be able to demonstrate them to the Data exporter, on request.

(c) Where permissible under the laws of the country of destination, the Data importer agrees to provide the Data exporter, on request, with as much relevant information as possible on any requests for disclosure it has received (in particular, number of requests, type of data requested, requesting authority/ies, whether requests have been challenged and the outcome of such challenges, etc.).

(d) The Data importer agrees to preserve the information pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) for the duration of the contract and make it available to the competent Supervisory authority on request.

(e) Paragraph (a), (b) and (d) is without prejudice to the obligation of the Data importer pursuant to Clause 22.5 and Clause 24 to inform the Data exporter promptly where it is unable to comply with these Clauses.

### **23.2. Review of legality and data minimisation**

(a) The Data importer shall review the legality of any request for disclosure, in particular whether it is within the powers granted to the requesting public authority, and to challenge the request if, after careful assessment, it concludes that there are reasonable grounds to consider that the request is unlawful under the laws of the country of destination, applicable obligations under international law and principles of international comity. The Data importer shall, under the same conditions and in line with its domestic legislation pursue possibilities of appeal. Pending the determination of any challenge (including on appeal, as relevant) the Data importer shall, to the extent available under domestic legislation, seek interim measures to suspend the effects of the request. These requirements are without prejudice to the obligations of the Data importer under Clause 22.5 and Clause 24.1.

- (b) The Data importer shall document its legal assessment and any challenge to the request for disclosure and, to the extent permissible under the laws of the country of destination, shall make the relevant documentation available to the Data exporter. It shall also make it available to the competent Supervisory authority on request.
- (c) When responding to a request for disclosure, the Data importer shall, having complied with the duty in 23.2, and confirmed the lawfulness of the request provide, only the information which is necessary to respond to the request, in accordance with the domestic legislation.

## **SECTION IV – FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Clause 24. Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination**

24.1 Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party/ies if it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.

24.2 In the event that the Data exporter has clear information that the Data importer is in breach of these Clauses or unable to comply with these Clauses, the Data exporter shall suspend the transfer of Personal data to the Data importer under these Clauses until compliance is again ensured or the contract is terminated. This is without prejudice to Clause 22.6.

24.3 The Data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the Processing of Personal data under these Clauses, where:

- (a) the Data exporter has suspended the Transfer of Personal data to the Data importer pursuant to paragraph 24.2 and compliance with the Clauses is not restored within a reasonable time and in any event within one month of suspension;
- (b) the Data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses; or
- (c) the Data importer fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or a competent Supervisory authority regarding its obligations under these Clauses.

In these cases, it shall inform the competent Supervisory authority of such non-compliance. Where the contract involves more than two Parties, the Data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the non-compliant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise.

24.4 Personal data that has been transferred prior to the termination of the contract pursuant to paragraph 24.3 shall at the choice of the Data exporter immediately be returned to the Data exporter or deleted in its entirety. The same shall apply to any copies of the data.

The Data importer shall certify the deletion of the data to the Data exporter. Until the data is deleted or returned, the Data importer shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses. In case of domestic laws applicable to the Data importer that prohibit the return or deletion of the transferred Personal data, the Data importer warrants that it will continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses and will only process the data to the extent and for as long as required under that domestic law. The Data exporter should be notified of the relevant domestic law and the required retention period. Only the minimum amount of Personal data should be retained to comply with domestic law.

#### **Clause 25. Governing law**

These Clauses shall be governed by the law of the country of the Data exporter.

Alternative in case the law of the country of the Data exporter does not allow for Third party beneficiary rights: These Clauses shall be governed by the law of [INDICATE LAW THAT ENSURES THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS].

#### **Clause 26. Choice of forum and jurisdiction**

26.1 Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of [\_\_\_\_\_].

26.2 Data subjects may also bring legal proceedings against the Data exporter and/or Data importer before the courts of the country in which they have their habitual residence.

26.3 The Parties agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of such courts.

#### **Clause 27. Arbitration**

If the Parties are unable to resolve amicably any difference they may have, the dispute shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration (hereinafter, the “Rules”) of the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) by three arbitrators designated by the Parties. Each Party shall designate one arbitrator. The third arbitrator shall be designated by the two arbitrators designated by the Parties. If either Party fails to designate an arbitrator within thirty days after the filing of the dispute with the ICC, such arbitrator shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Rules. An arbitration proceeding hereunder shall be conducted in [City, Country], and shall be conducted in [specify language]. The decision or award of the arbitrators shall be in writing and is final and binding on both Parties.

## **Annex 1**

### **Information about the transfer**

*It must be possible to clearly distinguish the information applicable to each transfer or category of transfers and, in this regard, to determine the respective role(s) of the Parties as data exporter(s) and/or data importer(s). This does not necessarily require completing and signing separate annexes for each transfer/category of transfers and/or contractual relationship, where this transparency can be achieved through one set of annexes. However, where necessary to ensure sufficient clarity, separate sets of annexes should be used.*

#### **Description of the transfer:**

- The categories of Data subjects whose data are transferred;
- The categories of Personal data transferred;
- The Special categories of data transferred (where applicable) and the restrictions or safeguards applied, which take full account of the nature of the data and the risks involved, such as, for example, strict purpose limitation, lawful basis for the processing (ex: explicit consent of the Data subject) access restrictions (including access only for staff who have received specific training), restrictions regarding further disclosure, retention of records of data sharing, restrictions on Onward transfers, specific organisational or technical security measures (ex: data encryption, pseudonymisation) or additional security measures;
- The frequency of data transfers (e.g. whether data are transferred once or continuously);
- The nature of the Processing;
- The purpose(s) of the data Transfer and further processing;
- The period for which the Personal data will be stored or, where this is not possible, the criteria for determining this period;

## **Annex 2**

### **Signature form**

[Term: Start date [MM/DD/YEAR] – End date [MM/DD/YEAR]]

#### **Data exporter information**

Full legal name:

Trading name (if different):

Main address (if a company registered address):

Official registration number (if any):

Key contact (full name, job title, contact details including email):

#### **Data importer information**

Full legal name:

Trading name (if different):

Main address (if a company registered address):

Official registration number (if any):

Key contact (full name, job title, contact details including email):

By the signatures of their authorised representatives below, the parties agree to be bound by these Model Contractual Clauses (hereinafter “the Clauses”).

#### **Signed for and on behalf of the Data exporter**

Signed:

Date of signature [MM/DD/YEAR]

Full name:

Job title:

#### **Signed for and on behalf of the Data importer**

Signed:

Date of signature [MM/DD/YEAR]

Full name:

Job title:

### **Annex 3**

#### **Security measures**

*This annex has to be completed and updated by the Data importer. The technical and organisational measures must be described in specific (and not generic) terms. It must be clearly indicated which measures apply to each transfer/set of transfers.*

Examples of possible measures:

Measures of pseudonymisation and encryption of Personal data

Measures for ensuring ongoing confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of Processing systems and services

Measures for ensuring the ability to restore the availability and access to Personal data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident

Processes for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organisational measures in order to ensure the security of the Processing

Measures for user identification and authorisation

Measures for the protection of Personal data during transmission

Measures for the protection of Personal data during storage

Measures for ensuring physical security of locations at which Personal data are processed

Measures for ensuring events logging

Measures for ensuring system configuration, including default configuration

Measures for internal IT and IT security governance and management

Measures for certification/assurance of processes and products

Measures for ensuring data minimisation

Measures for ensuring data quality

Measures for ensuring limited data retention

Measures for ensuring accountability

Measures for allowing data portability and ensuring erasure