Consent for participation in a research interview

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I agree to participate in a research project led by Prof. [Name of the Principle Investigator] from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. The purpose of this document is to specify the terms of my participation in the project through being interviewed.

1. I have been given sufficient information about this research project. The purpose of my participation as an interviewee in this project has been explained to me and is clear.

2. My participation as an interviewee in this project is voluntary. There is no explicit or implicit coercion whatsoever to participate.

3. Participation involves being interviewed by (a) researcher(s) from the European University Institute. The interview will last approximately [xxx] minutes. I allow the researcher(s) to take written notes during the interview. I also may allow the recording (by audio/video tape) of the interview. It is clear to me that in case I do not want the interview to be taped I am at any point of time fully entitled to withdraw from participation.

4. I have the right not to answer any of the questions. If I feel uncomfortable in any way during the interview session, I have the right to withdraw from the interview.

5. I have been given the explicit guarantees that, if I wish so, the researcher will not identify me by name or function in any reports using information obtained from this interview, and that my confidentiality as a participant in this study will remain secure. In all cases subsequent uses of records and data will be subject to standard data use policies at the EUI (Data Protection Policy).

6. I have been given the guarantee that this research project has been reviewed and approved by (xxxx and by) the EUI Ethics Committee. For research problems or any other question regarding the research project, the EUI Ethics Committee may be contacted through [information of the contact person at the Ethics Committee at EUI].

7. I have read and understood the points and statements of this form. I have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction, and I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

8. I have been given a copy of this consent form co-signed by the interviewer.

Participant’s Signature ______________________ Date ______________________

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Researcher’s Signature       Date

For further information, please contact:
Prof. [Name of Principle Investigator]
[Contact Information of PI]