

**DECLARATION CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour**

**Name:** | |

**Position:** Member of the IAP

Other (e.g. observer, ad hoc expert)

If other, please specify role: | |

I hereby declare that:

1. I am aware of my obligation to respect confidentiality. I know that I am obliged not to divulge information acquired as a result of the work of the IAP. I shall also respect the confidential nature of the deliberations and opinions expressed by members of the Panel or experts consulted during discussions. I undertake not to disclose such information even after my participation in the work of the IAP has ceased. I am aware of the Commission's security rules for protecting European Union classified information and sensitive non-classified information, as laid down in Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443<sup>1</sup> and 2015/444<sup>2</sup>.
2. Should I, the undersigned, receive confidential information or restricted information in the course and context of my duties for the IAP, it shall be treated under conditions of strict confidentiality, be used exclusively for the purpose for which it was made available to me and it shall not be divulged to any third party.

The above implies that I, the undersigned:

- will not at any point divulge, publish or otherwise make available to any third party information received from the IAP, without prior written consent of the IAP and its Secretariat, including after completion of the event or assignment involved in with the IAP. The duty of confidentiality exists vis-à-vis any third party, including employees, employers or affiliates or the general public;
- will not use information received from the IAP for a personal benefit or that of any third party;
- will ensure safe storage of the confidential information and restricted information, applying appropriate security measures if the information is managed electronically and not retain the information for longer than needed for the completion of the assignment or event with the IAP.

Done at: | | Date: | |

Signature: .....

<sup>1</sup> [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2015/443 of 13 March 2015 on Security in the Commission \(OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 41\).](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information \(OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53\).](#)