Declaration

I, the undersigned, hereby declare the following:

- 1. I accept the obligation to continue representing the beneficiaries whom I have agreed to assist on a *pro bono* basis to the best of my abilities, including after the end of my contractual relationship with the Council of Europe and the end of the JUSTROM programme, until the beneficiary finds the appropriate legal recourse and/or when all national legal remedies are exhausted;
- 2. I will not seek to gain profit from the beneficiaries of the JUSTROM programme, but on the contrary, I agree to provide them *pro bono* legal counsel, support and assistance even after the end of the programme for the cases that I have assisted them with under the ambit of the JUSTROM programme;
- 3. I will maintain all original files that the beneficiary may need for judicial or other proceedings that need to be lodged either from a Legal Aid appointed lawyer or from a colleague or from the beneficiary, in accordance with national law. I will inform the beneficiary that I have these files and I will inform them of their rights concerning them.
- 4. I will maintain the full copies of all the files until all national remedies have been exhausted for each of the beneficiaries to whom I have provided *pro bono* legal counsel. I will return the full copies of the files to the beneficiary upon request;
- 5. I will maintain and protect all the files, either original or copies, with the utmost adherence to national and European rules concerning lawyer-client privilege, the duty of confidentiality and applicable data protection regulations;
- 6. In the event of a change in legal representation of a beneficiary, I will transmit all relevant files to the new legal representative promptly following applicable national protocols, upon request of the beneficiary or their duly appointed attorney. I am personally responsible for making contact with the beneficiary or with their attorney after the end of the JUSTROM programme and for delivering the original documents to them;
- 7. I will only use the information retrieved from the cases which are only to be used for the purposes of the JUSTROM programme anonymously and where relevant, for statistical/research purposes in conformity with the Constitution, the Law on the profession of Lawyers and the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).
- 8. I will transmit non-confidential information which comes to my attention pertaining to each case to the relevant Council of Europe contact point for the JUSTROM programme

at regular intervals for archiving. I will also transmit all supporting documents (court summons, written decisions, notes of oral judgments; etc.) pertaining to the case which are not covered by lawyer-client privilege, including any decisions of the court. I will continue to send relevant documents to the Council of Europe until the beneficiary finds the appropriate legal recourse and/or when all national legal remedies are exhausted. I will transfer all non-confidential files to the Council of Europe at the latest 30 days after the end of any national proceedings.

FULL NAME:

FULL ADDRESS:

PLACE AND DATE: SIGNATURE/STAMP: