## Annex A:

## USAID Kosovo Investment Promotion and Access to Finance Activity

## Certifications, Assurances and Other Statements of Offerors

*This attachment contains all certifications that applicants may be required to sign under the Activity during the negotiation for a potential grant agreement. A description of the certifications is listed below, along with instructions regarding the applicability of each certification to the grant award. The DCOP and Grants Manager will ensure that all required certifications are signed by the applicant.*

| **Name of Certification** | **Applicability to NGOs** | **Description** |
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| Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs | Required for all US grantees and non-US organizations if any part of the program will be undertaken in the United States. | Assures that no person in the US will be discriminated against any activity funded by USAID. |
| Restrictions on Lobbying | Required for grants over USD100,000 | Certifies that no Federal funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the grantee to any person for the purposes of influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, an officer, employee, or Member of Congress in connection with awarding the grant. |
| Certification Regarding Terrorist Funding | Always required | Provides USAID with assurances that it is not entering into an assistance agreement with an organization that provides or has provided assistance to terrorists for terrorist activity. |
| Prohibition on Providing Federal Assistance to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements – Representation (May 2017) | Required for all grants | A confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the recipient requires any of its employees or subrecipients to sign regarding nondisclosure of recipient information, |
| Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)  | Required for grants above USD25,000 | UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov |
| Other Statements of Recipients | Required, though some sections may only apply to US grantees |  |

Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs

*Note: This certification applies if any part of the program will be undertaken in the United States.*

(a) The recipient hereby assures that no person in the United States shall, on the bases set forth below, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving financial assistance from USAID, and that with respect to the Cooperative Agreement for which application is being made, it will comply with the requirements of:

(1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352, 42 U.S.C. 2000-d), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (Pub. L. 95-478), which prohibits discrimination based on age in the delivery of services and benefits supported with Federal funds;

(4) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance (whether or not the programs or activities are offered or sponsored by an educational institution); and

(5) USAID regulations implementing the above nondiscrimination laws, set forth in Chapter II of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(b) If the recipient is an institution of higher education, the Assurances given herein extend to admission practices and to all other practices relating to the treatment of students or clients of the institution, or relating to the opportunity to participate in the provision of services or other benefits to such individuals, and shall be applicable to the entire institution unless the recipient establishes to the satisfaction of the USAID Administrator that the institution's practices in designated parts or programs of the institution will in no way affect its practices in the program of the institution for which financial assistance is sought, or the beneficiaries of, or participants in, such programs.

(c) This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipient by the Agency, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which was approved before such date. The recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Assurance, and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this Assurance. This Assurance is binding on the recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of the recipient.

**Certification of Recipient:**

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for the Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs above.

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Certification Regarding Lobbying

*Note: Required for grants over USD 100,000*

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal Cooperative Agreement, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

**Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance:**

“The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.”

**Certification of Recipient:**

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for the Certification Regarding Lobbying above.

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Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing, Implementing Executive Order 13224

By signing and submitting this application, the prospective recipient provides the certification set out below:

1. The Recipient, to the best of its current knowledge, did not provide, within the previous ten years, and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that it does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts, as that term is defined in paragraph 3. The Certification in the preceding sentence will not be deemed applicable to material support or resources provided by the Recipient pursuant to an authorization contained in one or more applicable licenses issued by the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

2. The following steps may enable the Recipient to comply with its obligations under paragraph 1:

a. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will verify that the individual or entity does not (i) appear on the master list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, which list is maintained by the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and is available online at OFAC’s website : **http://www.treas.gov/offices/eotffc/ofac/sdn/t11sdn.pdf**, or (ii) is not included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited individuals or entities that may be provided by USAID to the Recipient.

b. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient also will verify that the individual or entity has not been designated by the United Nations Security (UNSC) sanctions committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999) (the “1267 Committee”) [individuals and entities linked to the Taliban, Usama bin Laden, or the Al Qaida Organization]. To determine whether there has been a published designation of an individual or entity by the 1267 Committee, the Recipient should refer to the consolidated list available online at the Committee’s website: **http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1267/1267ListEng.htm**.

c. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will consider all information about that individual or entity of which it is aware and all public information that is reasonably available to it or of which it should be aware.

d. The Recipient also will implement reasonable monitoring and oversight procedures to safeguard against assistance being diverted to support terrorist activity.

3. For purposes of this Certification-

a. “Material support and resources” means currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.”

 (i) “Training" means instruction or teaching designed to impart a specific skill, as opposed to general knowledge.

 (ii) “Expert advice or assistance" means advice or assistance derived from scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge.

b. “Terrorist act” means-

(i) an act prohibited pursuant to one of the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols related to terrorism (see UN terrorism conventions Internet site: **http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp**); or

(ii) an act of premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; or

(iii) any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

c. “Entity” means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group or subgroup.

d. References in this Certification to the provision of material support and resources shall not be deemed to include the furnishing of USAID funds or USAID-financed commodities to the ultimate beneficiaries of USAID assistance, such as recipients of food, medical care, micro-enterprise loans, shelter, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that one or more of these beneficiaries commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

e. The Recipient’s obligations under paragraph 1 are not applicable to the procurement of goods and/or services by the Recipient that are acquired in the ordinary course of business through contract or purchase, e.g., utilities, rents, office supplies, gasoline, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that a vendor or supplier of such goods and services commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

This Certification is an express term and condition of any agreement issued as a result of this application, and any violation of it shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement by USAID prior to the end of its term.

**Certification of Recipient:**

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for the Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing Implementing Executive Order 13224 above.

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Prohibition on Providing Federal Assistance to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements – Representation (May 2017)

*(a) Definitions.*

*“Contract” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200;*

*“Contractor” means an entity that receives a contract as defined in 2 CFR Part 200.*

*“Internal confidentiality agreement or statement” means a confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the recipient requires any of its employees or subrecipients to sign regarding nondisclosure of recipient information, except that it does not include confidentiality agreements arising out of civil litigation or confidentiality agreements that recipient employees or subrecipients sign at the behest of a Federal agency.*

*“Subaward” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.*

*“Subrecipient” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.*

(b) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) for federal assistance to a non-Federal entity that requires its employees, subrecipients, or contractors seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict its employees, subrecipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(c) The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(d) Representation. By submission of its application, the prospective recipient represents that it will not require its employees, subrecipients, or contractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees, subrecipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Federal award to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (for example, the Agency Office of the Inspector General.

**Certification of Recipient:**

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for the representation by organization regarding Prohibition on Providing Federal Assistance to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements as stated above.

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Other Statements of Recipient

**1. Authorized Individuals**

The recipient represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the USAID/Kosovo Investment Promotion and Access to Finance Activity and to bind the recipient in connection with this application or grant:

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Telephone No.** | **Facsimile No.** |
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**2. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

If the recipient is a U.S. organization, or a foreign organization which has income effectively connected with the conduct of activities in the U.S. or has an office or a place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S., please indicate the recipient's TIN:

TIN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number**

*Applicability: This applies to grants over USD25,000*

(a) In the space provided at the end of this provision, the recipient should supply the Unique Entity ID (UEI) number applicable to that name and address. Recipients should take care to report the number that identifies the recipient's name and address exactly as stated in the proposal.

(b) On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov). The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. The recipient can get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) for their entity on SAM.gov. The Unique Entity ID (SAM) is provided to entities who request to only get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) and to entities who complete an entity registration. The recipient should be prepared to provide the following information:

(1) Recipient's name.

(2) Recipient's address.

(3) Recipient's telephone number.

(4) Line of business.

(5) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(6) Date the organization was started.

(c). This ID is used within SAM.gov and other government award and financial systems to identify a unique entity. The transition to the Unique Entity ID (SAM) is a federal governmentwide initiative.

The UEI system is distinct from the Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) system.

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**4. Type of Organization**

The recipient, by checking the applicable box, represents that -

(a) If the recipient is a U.S. entity, it operates as [ ]  a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of, [ ]  an individual, [ ]  a partnership, [ ]  a nongovernmental nonprofit organization, [ ]  a state or local governmental organization, [ ]  a private college or university, [ ]  a public college or university, [ ]  an international organization, or [ ]  a joint venture; or

(b) If the recipient is a non-U.S. entity, it operates as [ ] a corporation organized under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (country), [ ]  an individual, [ ]  a partnership, [ ]  a nongovernmental nonprofit organization, [ ]  a nongovernmental educational institution, [ ]  a governmental organization, [ ]  an international organization, or [ ]  a joint venture.