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TO COHRED

ENDORSEMENT FOR THE COHRED FAIRNESS INDEX (CFI)

In our capacity as the Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), publishers of the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, we write to express our support for the development of the COHRED Fairness Index (CFI).

We understand and support the COHRED Fairness Index (*for ethical and equitable research collaborations for health*), which is being developed through global consultation of all stakeholders – to create a certification system that promotes fair practices, transparency and accountability in research partnerships for global health.

In doing so, the CFI hopes to contribute substantially to global health by improving research partnerships, financing, benefit sharing, institutional and national research management and governance, infrastructure, and more – especially in low and middle income countries and populations.

Accordingly, we are pleased to endorse the need for the COHRED Fairness Index.

We understand that by endorsing the COHRED Fairness Index, we are not committed to approve the final Index nor to become a User. Endorsement also does not commit us to make any financial contribution – even though we may decide to do so to advance or accelerate its development.

We agree that the official logo of the Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) can be used as a symbol of endorsement of the CFI on any relevant documentation (advocacy material, web portal, meeting presentations) produced related to the CFI.

Finally, we understand that we can cancel our endorsement at any time by informing COHRED in writing of our decision to do so.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rakhi Ghoshal', is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

(RAKHI GHOSHAL)

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