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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SUBJECT: Submission of a Solemn Declaration instead of the Three-Member Advisory Committee Appointment or Military Status Certificate by PhD Candidates, under the “3rd Call for H.F.R.I. Scholarships for PhD Candidates”**

According to the H.F.R.I. Director Decision (Ref. No. 30113/12.11.2020) issued (IUN: ΩΔΖΑ46Μ77Γ-ΥΜΓ) in response to the submission of relevant requests:

1. In the case PhD Candidates are unable to submit the Three-Member Advisory Committee Appointment Certificate on the H.F.R.I. portal, as provisioned in par. 5.1 of the “3rd Call for H.F.R.I. Scholarships for PhD Candidates” (Ref. No. 28317/24.9.2020, as in force), due to the impact of emergency public health protection measures on the proper delivery of services provided by the Higher Educational Institutions in the country, the certificate shall be replaced by the applicant’s Solemn Declaration with the following content: *“I am unable to submit the Three-Member Advisory Committee Appointment Certificate provisioned in the Call, due to the extraordinary public health protection measures taken against the risk of further transmission of COVID-19. The Three-Member Advisory Committee was appointed on [date]”*.
2. In the case PhD Candidates who have fulfilled their military obligations (in full or in part) after they have been awarded their graduate or post-graduate degree, are unable, due to the impact of emergency public health protection measures on the proper delivery of services provided by public services, to submit their Military Status Certificate on the H.F.R.I. portal so that they can accordingly apply for time extension to satisfy the eligibility conditions provisioned under the “3rd Call for H.F.R.I. Scholarships for PhD Candidates” (Ref. No. 28317/24.9.2020, as in force) in line with par. 4 therein, they may, instead submit either a Certificate of Military Obligations Fulfillment, or a Solemn Declaration with the following content: *“I am unable to submit a Military Status Certificate due to the extraordinary public*

*health protection measures taken against the risk of further transmission of COVID-19. I served my military service from [date] to [date]».*

3. PhD Candidates are still obligated to submit the aforementioned documents after the evaluation process is concluded, in order for the Funding Award Decision to be issued.

It is clarified that, in line with the Call, the submission of Military Status Certificate is only compulsory for PhD Candidates eligible to apply for the time extension described in par. 4 of the Call.