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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

(1) APPOINTMENT AS EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER. The following confirms the conditions of your appointment as Editor of Journal of International Scientific Publications: Educational Alternatives (ISSN 1314-7277) (the Journal).

(2) TERM. Your official term as editor is for three calendar years, from 01 December 2023 through 01 December 2026. This Agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement.

(3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The duties and responsibilities shall be conducted in accordance with the Publisher's policies, procedures, and rules as established by management.

(3.1) ***General responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:***

1. Editors are responsible for ensuring the quality of their journals and that what is reported is ethical, accurate and relevant to their readership.
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3. The submission of a manuscript and all the details associated with it must be kept confidential by the editorial office and all the people involved in the peer-review process.
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11. No conflict of interest or prejudice must be allowed to influence the submission of a manuscript, its review, or the decision on whether it should be published.
12. Suspected or alleged misconduct must not be ignored.
13. Editors and journals have a duty to keep the scholarly record sound and free from fraudulent or incorrect data.

(3.2) ***Editors behavior***

1. Editors should ensure their behaviour is transparent and beyond reproach.
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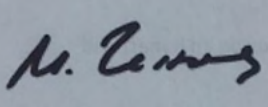	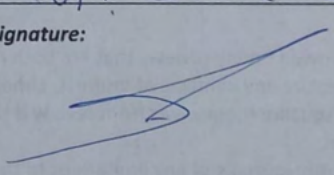
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