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Subject: Letter of Support regarding the project proposal CLARA under the topic HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage "Teaming for Excellence"

To whom it may concern,

I, Mrs. Helena Langšádlová, Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, hereby express my intent to give support to the project proposal CLARA: Center for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing in System Brain Research. In response to the European Commission's call "Teaming for Excellence", the CLARA project aims to develop and deploy the next generation of artificial intelligence/machine learning applications and quantum-centric supercomputing tools to resolve the etiology of neurodegenerative diseases. The ultimate goal of CLARA is to push the frontier of neurodegeneration research, particularly Alzheimer's disease, identify novel pathways to understand brain architecture/network complexity and discover new intervention targets that ameliorate neurodegeneration.

I am dedicated to supporting efforts to make neurodegeneration biomedical research one of European priorities and I am resolute in my commitment to continue supporting the advancement of the field. By providing cutting-edge translational research and integrating strategic technologies such as artificial intelligence and supercomputing, CLARA's innovative activities are fully aligned with the current strategic focus of the

Czech science, research and innovation agenda. The project's scope, including raising

awareness about neurodegeneration, supporting co-creation activities with the general

public, and collaborations in wide range of European and international initiatives and

platforms for sharing health and biomedical research data, further emphasizes the

scale of contribution the CLARA project can make in one of the main endeavors of

modern medicine.

For this reason, I further confirm my interest in collaborating with the CLARA Center

on its activities that will lead to the advancement of biomedical research and a generate

positive impact on society.

Sincerely yours,

Helena Langšádlová Minister for Science, Research and Innovation of the Czech Republic