DECLARATION

# COLUMBIA 2.0 PROJECT

##### Biomedical research is public health and access to it is a human right. Citizen participation as a tool for social transformation. Cultural diversity as an opportunity for public health and research.

###### As a society, we are faced with the challenge of creating and promoting an inclusive system in all its aspects and contexts, and we must be aware of and recognise the different levels of access and participation in public health. Scientific research, as an inherent part of it, must be available in the same way, and to the same extent, to all citizens, without conditions, as a testament to cultural diversity. Only in this way will we be able to generate and advance present and future knowledge for global society.

###### Globalisation reaches the field of health. We must therefore work towards global, high-quality biomedical research, taking into account individual and collective differences.

Taking advantage of the scientific context and the opportunities for progress and advancement that it offers us, WE DECLARE that:

* The organisations involved believe in the social need for diverse and representative quality biological samples from the whole population.
* Public authorities, private companies and social organisations have a leading role in promoting the participation of the migrant population and social balance.
* Education and awareness-raising are key elements in promoting public access and participation in research.
* Disseminating this initiative generates value and social recognition.