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NEWCOMER'S SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
UNDER THE CANADIAN CIVIC REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

As a sponsored refugee under the civic (private) sponsorship program of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto in Canada, or by connected sponsors (Sponsorship Agreement Holders), represented by ORAT - Office for Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto, newcomers may receive logistical, moral, spiritual and financial assistance from their Canadian civic sponsor. Newcomers may only receive some kinds of economic support from their sponsor, and the newcomers will receive this support only until they gain a sufficient level of financial independence as deemed by the civic sponsor. The maximum time of receiving support is for 1 year from their date of arrival in Canada; but this support will be reduced or end sooner once financial independence is attained. No government support is available for this time.

I, BORN
FULL NAME

And my spouse/partner (if applicable)

I, BORN
FULL NAME

from the one year period starting on my arrival to Canada on behalf of my dependent family members and myself, agree to the following sponsorship conditions:

1. Upon arrival, without delay I will register at ORAT, also with two health insurance providers (OHIP, IFH), and also with a settlement agency for fast and efficient integration.
2. I will make serious, continuous, and proactive efforts to attain self-sufficiency as quickly as possible, by carrying out activities which include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Active ongoing search for work in person and on the internet;
 - b. Daily attendance at language and computer classes;
 - c. Attendance at employment preparation programs, workshops and trainings;
 - d. Community participation, volunteer work, placement, networking.
3. I accept that if I refuse any reasonable job offer or abandon an employment opportunity without just cause, the civic sponsor will adjust the financial support downward, based on the civic sponsor's 'Sponsorship Agreement' contract with the government of Canada.
4. **I declare I will not ask any government support (welfare, social assistance) in my first year in Canada.**
5. I understand that any financial support provided is not automatic entitlement and rather is based on my **actual basic needs**. Moreover, I understand that in this period of time I have no right to support others (e.g. sending money to relatives outside Canada).
6. I acknowledge that I cannot receive income support benefits if attending a post-secondary institution (college, university, etc.).
7. I declare that I will use my own financial resources (\$.....) to contribute to my own settlement, as the relevant rules indicate. I declare that I will not accept any benefits to be given to me by my sponsor that exceeds my actual basic needs.

