**APPENDIX C – FOR FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER (NON-STUDENTS)**

**Informed Consent and Release of Liability for Travel Abroad to a**

**U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert Country**

**Guidelines for Individuals Planning to Participate in a University-Sponsored or University-Related Program in any Country with an Active U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Travel Alert**

The University of Connecticut (UConn) is dedicated to the provision of international opportunities for all UConn students, faculty, staff and affiliates. The importance of global education and awareness has never been more evident. UConn recognizes the growing relevance of overseas opportunities and supports our Huskies with opportunities to study, work, volunteer, travel and/or conduct research and professional development abroad.

At the same time, the University is concerned with the safety and well-being of our UConn population. We recognize that the United States government has designated certain countries to be dangerous locations for American travelers. Terrorism, war, disease and other risks must be taken seriously, both by the University administration and by individual travelers and their families.

The University observes the following policy: **If the U.S. Department of State issues a Travel Warning/Travel Alert for a country in which you plan to travel for university-sponsored or university-related purposes, you must complete the attached informed consent and release of liability before you leave for your international program.** If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or legal guardian also must sign this informed consent. The informed consent asks you to acknowledge that you are aware of the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Travel Alert and of the risks inherent in travel to your destination. You must accept responsibility for your safety while overseas.

**Travel Warnings** are issued when long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable lead the U.S. Department of State to recommend that Americans avoid or reconsider the risk of travel to that country. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff. **Travel Alerts** are issued for short-term events impacting health, safety and/or ease of travel within a country or region that should be carefully considered when planning travel to that country or region. <http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html>.

Participant Initial Parent/Legal Guardian Initial

(if participant is under 18 years of age)

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I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have been informed that there are risks involved in travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, regarding travel to and within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I have also read the *Waiver Application for Education and Activities Abroad Programs in Countries with U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings/Travel Alerts s*ubmitted to the University of Connecticut. Despite the U.S Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert, I have decided to pursue my plans to travel abroad on a university-sponsored or university-related program.

I acknowledge that my participation in this program is voluntary. I know that I am not required to travel to and/or study in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to complete my employment or program obligations at the University of Connecticut, and I am aware of the other program options available to me.

I am aware that I may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, disease, injury, death, property damage and/or other unforeseeable dangers. I voluntarily assume all risks and release and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of actions, and from liability of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, death, and property damage, arising out of or relating to my participation in this education abroad program. I expressly intend that this release binds me, if I am alive, and my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased. I understand that this release includes all transportation to and from the program and all aspects of my time overseas, whether my activities are directly related to the program or not.

Further, I understand that the University’s ability to award academic credit (if the program offers it) or any financial refund may not be guaranteed if I opt to leave the program early due to security concerns once I am at my foreign destination.

I have read and signed this document with full knowledge of its significance. If I am not 18 years of age, the signature of my parent or legal guardian indicates full agreement with and acceptance of the terms of this release.

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Participant Signature Date

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Printed Name of Participant

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

(if participant is under 18 years of age)

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian Relationship to Participant

(if participant is under 18 years of age)

***Attach a copy of the current U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert***