PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY TO THE RESPONDENTS

Hello, my name is.....I am taking part in a study about **international migration and its impact on [CoS]**. We are interested in the experience of people who have lived in Europe and returned to [CoS] and of people who have never migrated.

INFORMATION

This study is an **international research project, involving universities and research institutes in different countries**. It has been organised by the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities in Spain (CSIC) (coordinating the project), the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) in France, the University of Bucharest in Romania, the Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies in Ukraine and the Centre for Population Studies (CENEP) in Argentina.

WHY THIS STUDY?

In this study we want to understand better how migrants do when they return to CoS, and whether migration somehow affects the country and the people who do not migrate. We will do so by asking about the lives and opinions of everyone involved: people who have returned and people who have never migrated.

We are interested in better understanding:

1) why people migrate and return (or not)

2) how migration changes the life of people who have migrated, their families and communities

3) the ways to maximise the benefits that countries can draw from the migration of their citizens

HOW IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN?

To carry out this study, we will interview different kind of persons: persons who migrated to Europe and who returned and people who have never migrated

YOUR PARTICIPATION

We will ask you about your life experience (for instance, in which countries have you lived, or about your work and family life) and about your views on a number of issues (for instance, your opinion about the impact of migration).

All the information you provide in the interview will be anonymous and **confidential**. Your name and address are not recorded in the questionnaire, so nobody will be able to identify you from the information that you give us.

If a question makes you feel uneasy, **you are not obliged to answer**. You can also stop the interview at any time.

Since everyone's experiences are different, the **duration of the interview** varies – it should be between half an hour, and a maximum of an hour and a half. We are aware that people are busy and this is to ask a lot of you. But we also hope the findings of the study will be helpful for many.

Before we start: **do you have any questions?**

[Once any questions are answered] Is it OK for me to continue with the interview?