

## **Archimedes Oath**

*Taking into account the life of Archimedes of Syracuse, who illustrated in Antiquity the ambivalent potential of technology,*

*Taking into account the growing responsibility of engineers and scientists in regards to Nature and Human Beings,*

*Taking into account the importance of ethical problems raised by Technology and its applications,*

**Today, I swear to the following engagements, and promise to strive to attain the ideal they represent:**

- I will practice my profession with the good of all people in mind, respecting human rights\* and environmental sanctity.
- I will take responsibility for my actions, having informed myself to the fullest extent, and will in no case discharge such responsibility on others.
- I will strive to perfect my professional abilities.
- In choosing and completing my projects, I will pay attention to their context and their consequences, particularly with respects to technical, economic, social, and ecological aspects, and will strive for the respect of the environment.
- I will be especially careful in regards to any military uses that my work could have.
- I will contribute to preserving the environmental and social integrity of our planet.
- I will contribute to the best of my abilities to the promotion of equity for all human beings, and will help construct a just society for all.
- I will rigorously and honestly transmit any information to carefully chosen persons, if such information represents a necessary knowledge or if holding it back puts anyone in danger. In the latter case, I will ensure that such information leads to concrete actions.
- I will not let my personal or professional interests take precedence over what I deem to be just.
- I will, to the best of my ability, strive to encourage those who surround me, in both my personal and professional life, to follow the ideals of the present oath.
- I will practice my profession in a context of intellectual honesty, with conscience and with dignity.
- I promise solemnly, freely, and on my honour.

\* According to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights