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COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FREETHOUGHT

('LIBRE EXAMEN')

I, the undersigned, hereby solemnly declare that I am committed to the principle of freethought; I shall therefore ensure that my statements and actions comply with what I believe to be true, after a personal, objective and impartial examination, and reject any principle of authority with respect to intellectual, philosophical and ethical matters even if this means that I am in opposition to the statements or recommendations of an authority whatever its foundation or nature.

ULB staff number :

Surname : ………………………………………… First name : …………………………………………….

Date : …………………………………….. Signature :

The first article of the statutes of our University proclaims that its teaching based on the principle of Freethought, which postulates independent judgment and the rejection of established argument in all domains.

Freethought, the basis of our scientific method, is also a principle to which we are committed to subscribe... "Free thinkers" thus commit to aligning their words and actions with what they hold to be true.
They have the courage to voice and defend their truth.'

Due to the nature of its commitment, our Institution 'welcomes as students in their own right those who do not share its ideal...'. However, those who deliberately choose to join us have the duty to acquire personal knowledge of our principles. The community life - to which we invite all students, without exception – requires mutual understanding and tolerance. But the tolerance we advocate does not - strictly speaking – require respect of other people's opinions. 'Indeed, how can we respect what is considered to be false, what we condemn, what we endeavour to destroy?'.

The tolerance we advocate is the respect of individuals and of the freedom of others.