

CONSENT TO CERTAIN DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION

Consistent with the requirements of the *Inspector General Act of 1978*, as amended, it is Defense Hotline policy that Hotline personnel will not disclose the identity of an individual providing a complaint or information to the Defense Hotline unless:

- a. The individual consents to such disclosure, or
- b. The Director, Defense Hotline, has determined that such disclosure is otherwise unavoidable in order to address the complaint or information. Such circumstances may include a matter involving a specific danger to health or safety, or a national security issue.

The Defense Hotline asks everyone who files a complaint or discloses information to the Hotline to select one of the Consent Statements shown below. Please: (a) select (check) one of the Consent Statements below and (b) keep a copy of the consent statement you select (as well as a copy of the documents you send to the Defense Hotline) for your records.

I *consent* to the disclosure of my identity outside the Defense Hotline on a need-to-know basis.

I *do not consent* to the disclosure of my identity outside the Defense Hotline. I understand that, if the Director, Defense Hotline determines that the allegation(s) in my complaint cannot be investigated without disclosing my identity on a need-to-know basis to organizations outside the Defense Hotline, my lack of consent will prevent further action from being taken on my complaint. I further understand that regardless of the consent statement I choose, my identity may be disclosed if required by applicable legal authority, or the Director, Defense Hotline, determines that such disclosure is otherwise unavoidable to address the matters in my complaint. Such circumstances may include a matter involving a specific danger to health or safety, or a national security issue.

Print Name

Date

Signature