

## **MB 4 AAR Annex Declaration of assurance**

### **DECLARATION OF ASSURANCE**

I, the undersigned,

Executive Director of EFSA

In my capacity as authorising officer,

- Declare that the information contained in this report gives a true and fair view.
- State that I have reasonable assurance that the resources assigned to the activities described in this report have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management, and that the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.

This reasonable assurance is based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, such as the results of the work of the internal audit capability, the observations of the Internal Audit Service and the lessons learnt from the reports of the Court of Auditors for years prior to the year of this declaration.

[The observations made by the Court of Auditors and the Internal Audit Services in 2006 have triggered steps for improvements and are currently addressed by the growing availability of human resources and the implementation of the internal control standards.]

- Confirm that I am not aware of anything not reported here which could harm the interests of the institution.

Parma, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle