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Dear Participant:

Thank you very much for your interest in our study "Diverse Image Dataset Collection". Please take your time to read the following text carefully. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them at *info.diverseimagedataset@tuebingen.mpg.de*. You can then declare that you are aware of this information and that you are willing to participate in the study through your signatures below.

Our Study: Diverse Image Dataset Collection is a research project of the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems. In this study we want to collect a diverse facial image dataset to help artificial intelligence technologies to be more accurate for minority demographic groups. This research is an effort towards making artificial intelligence more fair and inclusive for all people.

Description of the Technologies and Methods Applied: The facial images are collected through four different methods: 1) Participants of the Mechanical Turk website 2) Participants of the Prolific Website 3) Participants who upload their photos to our website [""] directly 4) Participants who upload their photos to our website through authorized agents assigned by the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems. If you are providing your images through methods 1, 2, or 3, you should use a camera connected to your device. If you are providing your images through method 4, your corresponding agent will log in to our website and capture your images and then upload them through our platform directly. No images of you will be stored at the agent's device.

Participation: Study participants should be at least 18 years old and be able to read and understand text in English. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary.

Data Handling: All research data will be stored anonymously and scientifically evaluated in accordance with the data protection laws (EU General Data Protection Regulation, Federal Data Protection Act). The research data for our study includes facial images and demographic information such as age, gender, and race. Contact data such as name, phone number, and e-mail address are stored separately, and will only be used to follow-up with the participants. Contact data will be deleted after the termination of the project.

All data will be secured in accordance with current standards and in confidentiality in a data warehouse belonging to Max Planck Society. The research data will be stored for at least 10 years and will be provided for reasons of good scientific practice established by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the rules of the Max Planck Society. This enables other scientists to verify the accuracy of the results obtained and to advance the fairness and inclusion of artificial intelligence technologies. Data can be distributed to investigators within the jurisdiction of the European data protection regulations and to researchers outside the European Economic Area including countries with a lower data protection level. This implies that there are no equivalent data protection regulations in these countries comparable to the European law and there are no guarantees your rights will be protected to a level corresponding to the level of data protection within the European Economic Area. This may imply that you cannot exercise your rights or can only do so to a limited extent.

Compensation: If you are participating in our project through Mechanical Turk or Prolific platforms you will see the information about your payment on the study page on the platform. Due to technical complications, there is no compensation for participants who are helping us directly through our website [""].

Risks and Benefits: There are no special risks associated with participation in this study. Collection of this dataset is of high societal benefit aiming to make artificial intelligence technologies more fair and inclusive.