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To whom it may concern

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Letter of Intent in Support of Centre of Excellence Application – NordNatech

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to express our strong support for the application to the Centre of Excellence (SFF) scheme, led by Professor Nicola Paltrinieri at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), for the proposed Centre initiative NordNatech.

At RIFS, we recognize the scientific relevance and ambition of NordNatech and fully endorse the initiative. Our institute values its ongoing collaboration with NTNU, particularly in the areas of systemic risk and resilience. We see significant potential for continued and mutually beneficial cooperation, closely aligned with the Centre's thematic focus on systemic and cascading risks that transcend traditional disciplinary and sectoral boundaries.

Should the proposal advance to the next stage, we would welcome further dialogue to explore specific opportunities for collaboration, such as research exchanges, invited talks, or PhD co-supervision.

We wish NTNU every success in this highly competitive process.

Sincerely,

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