



**Declaration of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board
of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany
on the recommendations of the
“Government Commission German Corporate Governance Code”
pursuant to section 161 German Stock Corporation Act
(Aktiengesetz, AktG)**

In accordance with section 161 AktG, applying the provisions of the German Corporate Governance Code correspondingly, the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board issued the following Declaration of Conformity with the recommendations of the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code:

“Declaration of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany on the recommendations of the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code pursuant to section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG). Since the last Declaration of Conformity in February 2023, we have complied with all recommendations of the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code in the version dated April 28, 2022, as published in the official section of the German Federal Gazette.

With regard to future compliance with the current recommendations of the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code, the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board declare the following: The company will comply with the recommendations of the Code in the version dated April 28, 2022.”

Darmstadt, February 2024

For the Executive Board


s. Belén Garijo

For the Supervisory Board


s. Wolfgang Büchele