Semi-Structured Interview Protocol

A. Introduction (to be read to participants)

Thank you for agreeing to participate. This interview is part of a research study aiming to understand how local stakeholders perceive the social, environmental, and economic implications of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant. Your identity will be anonymized, and all data will be used for academic purposes only. Participation is voluntary.

B. Background Questions

1. How long have you been serving as a council member of the Silifke Chamber of Commerce and Industry?
2. What is your area of professional or sectoral representation?

C. Thematic Questions

Perceptions of Akkuyu NPP

3. What is your general opinion on the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant project?
4. How do you assess its economic impact on the region?
5. Do you think the project creates local employment or business opportunities?

Environmental & Risk Concerns

6. Do you have any concerns about the environmental impacts of the plant?
7. How would you evaluate the site's safety planning?

Governance and Participation

8. Were you or your institution involved in any public consultations related to the project?
9. Do you feel that local stakeholders had sufficient voice in the planning process?

Trust & Institutions

10. How much do you trust national and international institutions to manage the plant's risks?
11. What would increase your confidence in the project?

D. Closing

12. Is there anything else you would like to add regarding the project's long-term implications?