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I hereby solemnly declare that I have prepared the present thesis independently and have not used any sources or aids other than those explicitly stated. Furthermore, I affirm that this work has not previously been submitted, either wholly or in substantial parts, for any other examination or academic assessment.

All verbatim quotations, paraphrased content, as well as all sections that have been conceived, composed, and/or edited with the assistance of AI-based tools, have been clearly identified and duly referenced.

In the appendix of this thesis, I have provided a complete list of all AI-based tools utilized, specifying the product names and the prompts (formulated inputs) employed, compiled in an AI directory.

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AI Tool Usage Overview

Tool name	Provider	Purpose of Use	Prompt(s) Used	Output Used in the Thesis	Date(s) of Use
ChatGPT (GPT-4)	OpenAI	Drafting initial versions of introduction and conclusion	"Draft an introduction for a thesis about circular economy in the fashion industry."	Paraphrased summary included in Chapter 1, p. 4	May 10, 2025
DeepL Pro	DeepL GmbH	Translation of German citations into English	N/A (automated translation)	Used to translate quotes in Chapter 3	April 22–23, 2025
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