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Dear Rob Stroud,

Re: Statement by the INQAAHE Board on the review of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

In response to your letter dated February 25, and following the review by INQAAHE's Recognition Committee and Board on March 25 and March 26, I am pleased to share the outcomes of their decisions.

The Board confirms QAA's full alignment with the International Standards and Guidelines (ISGs). Regarding alignment with ISGs Module II (Cross-Border Education (CBE) and Quality Assurance of CBE), INQAAHE has decided to pause the modular approach to conduct a thorough review of the ISGs modular infrastructure and the ISGs Recognition of Prior Review process. This means that no further action is required, and QAA will not need to undergo a separate external review to demonstrate compliance with Module II.

The INQAAHE Board sincerely appreciates QAA's efforts in testing this aspect of the ISGs, including its thorough mapping of Module II against the European Standards and Guidelines (ESGs). This has significantly assisted the Board in evaluating the suitability of the modular review model for the recognition procedure.

I hope this revised decision is acceptable to QAA, and we welcome QAA's continued collaboration as we initiate the review of the ISGs and the ISGs review process.

The INQAAHE Board remains at your disposal should you require any further feedback or wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



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INQAAHE Vice President