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Subject: Statement on validation of the external review report of ECAQA

Dear Prof. Saule Sarsenbayeva,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 26 March 2024, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of ECAQA. The committee concluded that the report has been produced in accordance with the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews, ENQA methodology for partial reviews (see ENQA Rules of Procedure, article 7, and ENQA's policy on partial reviews of members under review) and is aligned with the requirements of a focused review for the purposes of EQAR-registration. The report can thus be used to apply for EQAR registration, as well as for any other purposes.

This statement is in line with article 26, paragraph 2 of ENQA's Rules of Procedure, which states that the review report can be further used only once this statement of validation has been issued. The purpose of this statement is to set out the committee's views on the quality of the final report and consistency of the panel's evaluation on the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

The committee hereby notes that the above listed methodology for partial reviews has been followed and has no further remarks on the final report.

This statement will be published on ENQA's website as an annex to the review report.

Thank you for your trust placed in ENQA to conduct this review. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Delaney'.

Mr. Alastair Delaney
Chair of ENQA Agency Review Committee



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Annex: Areas for development



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As outlined by the review panel and further discussed by the committee (where relevant), ECAQA is recommended to take appropriate action, in so far as it is empowered to do so, on the following issues:

ESG 3.1 Activities, policy, and processes for quality assurance

ECAQA should include stakeholders beyond HEI in its governance. The way of their involvement should balance the strong role of the Director General.

ESG 2.4 Peer-review experts

Students and employers should receive remuneration based on their equally relevant contribution to the process, and not based on their status.

ESG 2.5 Criteria for outcomes

ECAQA should ensure consistent application of the Guidelines for External Evaluation Report Preparation in all types of reviews.

ESG 2.6 Reporting

ECAQA should assure the publication of all reports, also the ones that led to a negative decision.

ECAQA should ensure timely posting of all the reports on the ECAQA website.