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Subject: Statement on validation of the external review report of AQ Austria

Dear Dr. Jürgen Petersen,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 31 May 2024, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of AQ Austria. The committee concluded that the report has been produced in accordance with the Guidelines for ENQA Targeted Reviews and can thus be used to apply for ENQA membership and EQAR registration, as well as for any other purposes. This 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 the 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 methodology for ENQA Targeted 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 targeted 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', is positioned above the typed name.

Mr. Alastair Delaney
Chair of ENQA Agency Review Committee

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As outlined by the review panel and further discussed by the committee (where relevant), AQ Austria 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

The agency is recommended to add an explanation on avoiding conflicts of interest between consultations and evaluations and their regular QA activities on their website (e.g. explaining cases in which they cannot offer such services to an HEI, ensuring confidentiality in consultations and evaluations) and adapts the templates for contracts as required.