

Dr Olaf Bartz
Managing Director
German Accreditation Council (GAC)

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Subject: Renewal of GAC full membership in ENQA

Dear Dr Bartz,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 19 September 2013, the Board of ENQA agreed to renew GAC Full membership of ENQA for five years from this decision.

On the basis of its scrutiny of the final review report, the Board agreed that GAC met the necessary requirements for being reconfirmed ENQA Membership. In doing so, it considered that it would be advisable to take into consideration the panel's recommendations. In particular, the resources of the Agency should be increased. The Board noted that resources appear to be sufficient to undertake the threshold functions of GAC, but do not allow the Agency to adopt a stronger strategic and international position befitting such an important higher education system. In addition, the Board encourages the Agency to update its Mission Statement to take account of the move to system accreditation.

The Board requests a follow-up report by September 2015 on the actions GAC has undertaken to meet the panel's recommendations. The next external review will give special attention to these points.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ENQA Secretariat.

Please accept my congratulations to GAC on the renewal of its full membership in ENQA.

Yours sincerely,



Padraig Walsh
President of ENQA