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Subject: HCERES follow-up report to the 2021 ENQA review

Dear Prof Stéphane Le Bouler,

At its meeting on 3 June 2024, the Board of ENQA considered the follow-up report arising from the external review of the High Council for the Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES) in 2021.

We appreciate the information on how HCERES has addressed the panel's recommendations and suggestions, and the provision of an update regarding the legislative changes in 2020, especially the impact this has had on the agency's independence. The Board wishes to use the opportunity and congratulate the agency on its work on the integrated assessment process, and its proactive approach to addressing the evaluative capacity of reports, and the areas of scientific integrity, sustainable development, and social responsibility through the agency's external QA activities. At the same time, the Board asks the agency to continue with its efforts on ESG 3.4 Thematic analysis and closely consider the requirements of the standard. With this, the Board approves the report and takes note of the progress that has been made.

We look forward to continuing the good cooperation between ENQA and HCERES.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Blackstock', written in a cursive style.

Douglas Blackstock
President