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To,

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Dear Mr. Fortuny

Sub: EQUAMBI – Letter of Commitment from IIT Madras

Greetings from IIT Madras!

At the outset, let me thank ANECA, NAAC and University of Barcelona, for making IIT Madras a part of the prestigious Enhancing Quality Assurance Management and Benchmarking Strategies in Indian Universities (EQUAMBI) program of Erasmus+.

The project indeed provided us an opportunity to learn about the best practices followed by leading Indian and International educational institutions, especially in the area of academics, teaching, research and internationalization with a special focus on quality assurance and data management.

By our participation in this project, it has been realized that Quality Assurance needs to be a continuous process that needs to be imbibed at the grassroots levels. The Toolkit, developed under the project, will be useful in helping us to adopt quality assurance as a regular internal process. IITM has an Office of Quality Management at present that is largely involved in getting the ISO 9001:2015 certification that focusses on all the quality aspects pertaining to the support services of the Institute. We as an Institute would indeed like to strengthen the Office of Quality Management Office, may be as an Internal Quality Assurance Cell, which can ensure that any future strategy of the Institute is data based and bench-marked driven. Due to the Covid pandemic and frequent lockdowns, it has been bit difficult for us to take it further, especially through the formal process of approvals that may be required from the relevant authorities or Statutory Boards, but we are hopeful of having an IQAC in near future.

I am glad to share that even in this pandemic, IIT Madras has been able to deploy some of the key learnings from this project, such as making quality education accessible to a larger population through online learning by launching the first-of-its-kind B.Sc programme in Data Science, which removes all barriers of age, discipline or geographic location and provides access to a world-class curriculum in emerging area of data science. Several initiatives have moreover, been taken to improve quality of education, faculty and research publications at the Institute, and so on.

We are committed to utilize our learnings from the EQUAMBI project, especially in the areas of - Data Management, Quality Assurance, Benchmarking, Collaboration and Quality indicators, in the times to come, which would indeed enable us to scale new heights.

Once again thanks for this opportunity.

Thanking you

With regards,



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