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Dr. Alan Wall, Chief Executive, The Higher Education Authority, 3 Shelbourne Buildings, Crampton Avenue, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4, D04C2Y6.

Dear Dr. Wall,

I have been requested by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris T.D. to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 December in which you nominated persons to serve on the advisory panel to assess an application for Technological University status from the consortium comprising Athlone Institute of Technology and Limerick Institute of Technology. The Minister has asked me to notify the Authority that the following persons will be appointed to the advisory panel to assess the application from the consortium received on 20 November 2020 under Section 29 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (No. 3 of 2018).

Panel Appointments

- Dr. Tim McTiernan
- Dr. Mary Ellen Petrisko
- Prof. Bert van der Zwaan
- Prof. Lesley Yellowlees

The Minister, hereby, requests the Authority to duly notify the persons in question of their appointment to the panel, and, in conjunction with QQI, as appropriate, to facilitate the establishment and work of the advisory panel such that it shall furnish its report to the Higher Education Authority under Section 32 of the 2018 Act.

The Minister has asked me to thank the Authority both for its assistance to date and going forward in relation to this matter. Similar correspondence has issued to QQI in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Frances-Mary Long,
Private Secretary.