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Dear representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, the Union of Rectors of Higher Educational Institutions of Ukraine, the Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, the British Council Ukraine, and the Embassy of Poland in Ukraine,

Dear participants and international guests to the International conference “Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Ukraine: global and local challenges”,

With great regret for not being able to join you today at this important event, I, on behalf of ENQA, welcome the opportunity to greet the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and congratulate it for the first steps it takes to develop the Ukrainian quality assurance system at national and institutional level and to involve students and the other stakeholders into the higher education decision-making process. We hope the Agency will become a catalyst for changes in higher education in Ukraine in order to create a culture of quality on the basis of such values as a partnership, trust, independence, professionalism, innovation, academic integrity, transparency.

We appreciate that the new composition of the National Agency was elected by an independently nominated international commission creating trust in a transparent and fair selection. This supports that its major strategic goals are to develop culture of quality assurance in higher education, to assure the quality of the education services and research, and to meet the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area.

Today's Conference is one more important step to bring together national and international experts as well as different groups of stakeholders in order to develop a road map for positive changes in higher education quality assurance in Ukraine. We wish you fruitful and constructive discussions and positive outcomes of the Conference.

There is a lot of work to be done by the Agency in order to be fully integrated into the European higher education environment, and to become a member of ENQA and to be

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included in EQAR, so we wish the members of the Agency as well as all stakeholders to work together in an effective and constructive way, in order to find creative solutions to the existing challenges, to ensure high quality of education in Ukraine for the benefit of the students, academics, institutions, and the society at large.

To conclude, I would like to ensure you ENQA's continued support for the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance in its next developmental stages.

Yours sincerely



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