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Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice

I, Professor Sir Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of Queen's University Belfast, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

Queen's University Belfast fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the concordat.

By signing this concordat, we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

The priorities set out in the Concordat align with the values and commitments of the University, as outlined in our own Strategy 2030, and will shape our ongoing work and action planning for the ambitious target of delivering Net Zero by 2040.

This agreement aligns with Queen's and UKRI's shared objectives to integrate sustainability and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into research, innovation, and leadership. It builds on our existing programs and policies, such as our sustainable lab certification programme, to embed sustainability into our research practices. Alongside these efforts, we will ensure our researchers work across disciplines and sectors, addressing both local and global challenges while incorporating the SDGs to create tangible, real-world impact.

The University continues to collaborate with civic partners to exchange best practices and identify collective solutions for the region in working towards net zero, as part of our commitment to social and civic responsibility, making a positive impact locally and globally and supporting economic growth in an environmentally sustainable way. Publicly committing to this concordat is an important milestone on our journey towards achieving net zero.

Yours sincerely



Professor Sir Ian Greer
President and Vice-Chancellor