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To: Rector

American University of Beirut Mediterraneo

Topic: Postponement of decision for the Institutional, Departmental and Programmatic accreditations of the American University of Beirut Mediterraneo

I would like to inform you that the Council of the CYQAA, during its 90th Summit, which took place on February 20, 2023, after reviewing your applications, the External Evaluation reports of the External Evaluation Committees (EECs) and the subsequent Responses of your institution on the comments of the EECs, pertaining to:

- **07.14.690.003 Department of Philosophy, Politics and Economics**
- **07.14.691.001 Philosophy, Politics & Economics (4 Years, 240 ECTS, BA)**
- **07.14.690.002 Department of Computer Science**
- **07.14.691.004 Computer Science (4 years, 240 ECTS, BSc)**
- **07.14.690.001 Department of Psychology**
- **07.14.691.007 Psychology (4 Years / 240 ECTS, BSc)**

has decided to postpone any decision on the Departments and programs until the completion of the Institutional Evaluation.

For the accreditation of all of the above you are required to adhere to the following key issues:

- a) The internal quality assurance procedures of the institution should be aligned with the legislative framework of Cyprus, e.g. periodic evaluation every 5 years and not every 8 years.
- b) The ranks of the academic faculty should be in accordance with the legal framework of Cyprus, i.e., Lecturer, Assistant, Associate, Professor.
- c) Submit a legal document (e.g. charter, agreement, memorandum of understanding) clarifying the relationship between the American University of Beirut - Mediterraneo (AUBM) and the parent institution in Beirut. AUBM must not be a branch of AUB, but rather an autonomous university in Cyprus.
- d) Program coordinators must be permanent faculty members of the institution from either Lebanon or the EU and live permanently, or seconded in Cyprus.
- e) Recruit academic and administrative staff based in Cyprus and send a full list to the CYQAA. International Calls for academics, Contracts and MOUs of employment must be sent to the CYQAA.
- f) The number/ratio of students in relation to the teaching staff is very high and this must be addressed immediately.

I also inform you that the Council has decided to authorize the President to take a final decision on the accreditation after receiving a reply from your institution.

(George Aletraris)

for the President of the Council
of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance
and Accreditation in Higher Education