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Mr. James Devenney
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**Subject: Cross-border / Franchise programme of study at
Neapolis University Pafos**

Dear **Mr. Devenney**,

The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA) is the competent body and authority, responsible to ensure the quality of higher education in Cyprus and to support, through the procedures provided by the relevant legislation, the continuous improvement and upgrading of higher education institutions and their programmes of study.

In Cyprus, higher education institutions are allowed by law to offer cross-border / franchise programmes of study, provided that a number of conditions, which are included in our legislation, are fulfilled. **According to the legislation, the provider of the franchise programme is responsible for its implementation and compliance with the European quality standards and guidelines (ESG).**

In this context, we kindly ask you to provide us with information concerning the programme of study **“LLM in International Commercial Law” with three pathways:**

- LLM International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management

- LLM International Commercial Law with International Banking law and Financial Regulation

- LLM International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance

(1 academic year / Full Time or 2 academic years / Part Time, 90 ECTS, Conventional, Masters), which will be offered by **Neapolis University Pafos** via a franchise contract with your institution, by addressing the following questions:

1. How will you verify that the students admitted to the programme will satisfy the admission criteria?
2. Please explain how you will receive information regarding the profile of incoming students.
3. How will you ensure that students have a good command of the programme's teaching language?
4. How will the teaching staff in the programme be selected and what will their minimum required qualifications be?
5. How will exam papers be administered?
6. How will you check that the programme is implemented based on quality criteria? What evidence do you request from Neapolis University Pafos?
7. Have you ever visited classes where your programme will be taught in Cyprus? What will be the teaching methodology followed?
8. How do you check if Neapolis University Pafos has the infrastructure required to ensure that the physical learning, teaching environments and resources meet with the quality and standards required? Please confirm that everything involved in the collaborative programme has been considered and approved by your institution.

Also we kindly ask you to submit your signed Visit Evaluation reports, if you have any at this point, after your visits to the institution in Cyprus.

In addition to the above, we kindly ask you to provide any further information that you would consider useful for the qualitative implementation of the above programme of study at your earliest convenience, and no later than the **14th of January 2025**.



We remain at your disposal for any inquiries.

(Emily Alexandridou)
On Behalf of the President of
The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance
and Accreditation in Higher Education