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

I, **Professor Hugh Brady** on behalf of **Imperial College London**, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

Imperial fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat and recognises our responsibilities as a signatory. We are ready to walk the walk – we are already putting in place the policies and plans needed to deliver against all the priorities in practice.

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.

Sustainability features as one of the main priorities in our new Imperial strategy, *Science for Humanity*, and underpins everything that we do. We have committed to publishing our Sustainable Imperial strategy in 2025 to set out the next steps in our sustainability work. As an energy intensive STEM university, we must do better, and we will lead by example in our activities and on our campuses.

We are proud to be an early signatory to the concordat as today we publish our practical plans for meeting its commitments alongside our Annual Sustainability Report and our detailed carbon footprint using the methodology in the new further and higher education sector Standardised Carbon Emissions Framework. Our new sustainable travel and procurement policies, along with our decarbonisation plan for our seven campuses and sustainability building guide for new builds, will help us lead by example in our activities and on our campuses.

This year we will be publishing and rolling out our Imperial Zero Index framework, setting out the plans for how we will only partner with or invest in energy companies who have demonstrated a commitment to being net zero by 2050 for 100% of their Scope 1 and 2 emissions. We will assess annually how our energy industry collaborators are performing in their commitment, strategy and operational efforts towards net zero. The Index has been developed to illuminate the transitional performance of Imperial's fossil fuel funders – showcasing how the academic sector can raise the standards of who they partner with in heavy emitting industries.

We are committed to helping lead the change needed in the research sector, and more widely, through our operations, partnerships, research, and teaching.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Hugh Brady
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