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Re: Benchmarking Analysis of IPMA Professional Qualifications

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that after the completion of the Benchmarking Analysis of IPMA Professional Qualifications, our findings are as follows.

1. IPMA is an International Examining, Licensing and Regulatory Professional body that offers qualifications in three main areas - Management, Marketing and Computing - but the benchmarking exercise relates only to the Management Studies awards, in accordance with the terms agreed between IPMA and UK NARIC. The study undertaken by UK NARIC focuses primarily on IPMA's role as an Examining body.
2. The report was undertaken with the aim of benchmarking the five awards offered by IPMA to levels within the Qualifications Framework for England, Wales and Northern Ireland National (NQF).
3. However, in accordance with the international orientation of IPMA, the qualifications have been examined with reference to international standards and best practice to help place the provision in a wider context. Consequently, the analysis is divided into three main elements:
 - International analysis providing an initial comparison and context
 - UK content benchmark – this looks at the range of UK qualification levels that most closely meet IPMA listed themes
 - IPMA Examination Process – considering the rigour of the examination process

The report of provides recommendations for qualification and examination development.

UK NARIC

National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom

4. Therefore, on the basis of the study, UK NARIC would recommend the following broad comparability guidelines on the level of IPMA qualifications:

Title of IPMA Qualification	UK NARIC evaluated UK Comparability
Foundation (Professional Diploma)	NQF level 3

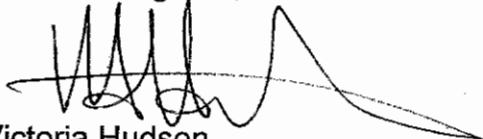
Title of IPMA Qualification	UK NARIC evaluated UK Comparability
Intermediate (Professional Advanced Diploma)	NQF level 4

Title of IPMA Qualification	UK NARIC evaluated UK Comparability
Professional Part 1 (Professional Postgraduate Certificate)	NQF level 5

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Professional Part 1 (Professional Postgraduate Diploma)	NQF level 5

Title of IPMA Qualification	UK NARIC evaluated UK Comparability
Licensing Research Project	NQF level 6

With kind regards,



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