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

I, Professor Shitij Kapur on behalf of King's College London, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

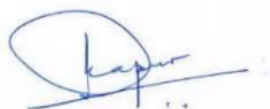
King's College London welcomes the concordat and fully supports the priority areas. We recognise our responsibilities as a signatory and we are already taking action against all six priorities set out in the concordat. But we know we need to do more to embed delivery into practice. We agree to take shared action now and in the future to improve our sustainability performance, reduce negative environmental impacts and achieve a transition to more sustainable research and innovation practices.

Significant progress has been made on our ambitions to invest in education and research for a just transition to net zero and to build sustainability into all our actions. Through our Climate & Sustainability Action Plan and other initiatives, we are transforming leadership and organisational capacity for dealing with complex sustainability challenges across the whole university. Following a review, King's carbon reporting is now being restated using the Higher Education sector Standardised Carbon Emissions Framework which is helping us to benchmark emissions baselines and reductions as we develop our decarbonisation pathway. We continue to build on our achievements through the Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) programme to ensure we achieve and maintain 100% accreditation. Our new sustainable travel policy is being rolled out, and we are beginning to engage with suppliers on sustainable procurement and enhance our focus on sustainable construction.

Much remains to be done, and we welcome the opportunity of becoming a signatory to this concordat which will give us additional impetus to create the step change needed. We will use our signatory status as a lever to refocus our strategic commitment to becoming more sustainable and to engage colleagues internally and partners externally in taking responsible action on sustainability. We will be accountable for delivering our practical plans to meet the commitments of this concordat and will publish an annual sustainability report each summer. This will cover our progress across research, education and operations using a core set of performance metrics set against validated baselines.

We are keen to share our good practice with and learn from the sector and wider partners in research, teaching and operations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shitij Kapur".

Professor Shitij Kapur
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