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TO: Peer Evaluators with International On-Site Evaluation Visits (Spring 2020)
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RE: Commission Delay of International On-Site Evaluation Visits
DATE: March 2, 2020

On March 2, 2020 the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) acted to delay the On-Site Evaluation Visits for American University of Paris and Franklin University Switzerland. That action for both institutions is as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To delay the On-Site Evaluation Visit scheduled for Spring 2020 due to extraordinary circumstances and to continue accreditation. To note the institution remains accredited during a delay granted by the Commission. The evaluation visit is now scheduled for 2020-2021, one year from the original date of the visit.

This decision was based on the fact that these visits involve travel in areas affected by the coronavirus or require travel through areas affected by the coronavirus. This action was made out of an abundance of caution and in light of the fact that the information available and the impact of the virus is changing rapidly. The delay of the scheduled visit is consistent with the Commission's [Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures](#). In accordance with Commission policy, the visit must be rescheduled within one calendar year.

Both teams have already supported a tremendous amount of work for the on-site evaluation visit, and staff hope that each of you will be able to participate in the rescheduled visits. We ask that the Team Chairs and MSCHE Vice Presidents work with the institutions in rescheduling the visits within the next year, as conditions and schedules permit. Team chairs and members can outreach to the MSCHE Vice President with any questions about this Commission action or the next steps involved.

In terms of travel plans and existing expenses, please work with travel companies and airlines to request refunds or credits for future flights as may be permissible. Any expenses that you have already incurred should be submitted using our existing travel reimbursement procedures.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We appreciate your service as a peer evaluator and look forward to your continued participation in the rescheduled visits.