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

I, **Professor Sir Steve West** on behalf of **UWE Bristol**, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

UWE Bristol fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the concordat.

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.

UWE Bristol is committed to taking action at an institutional level and collectively across our sector to deliver real change by 2050. Specifically, we have made the following commitments in relation to the six priority areas detailed in the Concordat:

1. Leadership and system change

Our unique multi-disciplined, system-led approach to research, innovation, skills, enterprise and ethical practices drive societal improvements, transforming futures for the better. Sustainability commitments are core to UWE's Strategy 2030.

2. Sustainable infrastructure

We take pride in working to high sustainability standards for all capital projects, both new build and refurbishments. We are using the LEAF programme to reduce the carbon emissions of our laboratories and to create an environment that supports research quality.

3. Sustainable procurement

Responsible procurement plays a key role in meeting our sustainability commitments. Our strategy is guided by our Responsible Procurement ESG Policy and our Social Value Policy.

4. Emissions from business and academic travel

UWE Bristol has committed to be carbon neutral as an organisation, with net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2030.

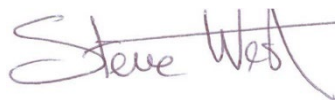
5. Collaborations and partnerships

Collaborating with industry, public sector bodies and communities, we're redefining horizons and challenging conventions to impact lives positively.

6. Environmental impact and reporting data

UWE Bristol is proud to have been awarded certification for the international standard BS:EN ISO14001:2004 on an ongoing basis since July 2014. The certification covered the whole institution, our Estates, Services and Educational provision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Steve West". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "S" and a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Professor Sir Steven West CBE, DL
Vice-Chancellor, President and Chief Executive Officer