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LETTER TO THE CHAIR DESIGNATE OF THE ROYAL CHARTER INDEPENDENT RECOGNITION PANEL

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Chair Designate of the Independent Recognition Panel and to inform you of the arrangements that have been put in place to provide you with financial assistance in the period before establishment of the Panel.

As Chair Designate your role is as a member of Appointments Committee in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Royal Charter. The Royal Charter does not provide for you to do anything further to set up the independent Recognition Panel during this period. However it is of course possible that you may need specific assistance in this period to manage your forthcoming appointment as Chair of the independent Recognition Panel, which could include communications support or the provision of meeting facilities. I can confirm that the Ministry of Justice will be able to provide you with funds to do this.

In accordance with section 11 of the Royal Charter, any expenditure needs to meet the terms of Managing Public Money (MPM) and, in particular, must represent value for money and meet the propriety and regularity tests in relation to the handling of public funds. Please contact Craig Watkins, the MoJ Director of Finance and Planning (0203 334 4794) who will be happy to advise on the requirements of MPM and the arrangements for accessing funding.

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