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Subject: Acceptance of the Progress Report Specific Agreement 2011-1640

Dear Mr Albert MAROUANI,

The Agency received your above-mentioned report on 13/03/2012. Following its analysis I herewith inform you that the Agency has accepted it.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight aspects of the implementation of your Joint Doctorate programme which we feel are good practice and should be further maintained:

Creating a 'school spirit' through the organisation of a September meeting in which you mix all editions. We see that while the first such meeting in 2010 was a month (as reported), the meeting in 2011 lasted just two weeks (5 – 16 September). Why did you decide to shorten this meeting in 2011?

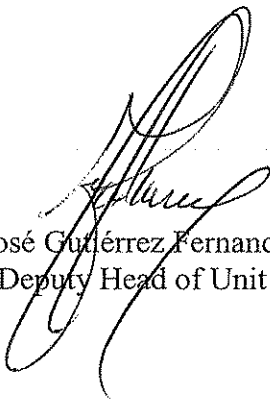
For the further implementation of your Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate you are requested to follow-up on the following recommendations in your next report:

- 1) It would be helpful if you gave some information in future reports on the role and contribution of your partners in the IRAP consortium (for example, in Part A, section 1).
- 2) We recommended in our feedback for your first progress report (April 2011) that you should inform us of any delays in the degree delivery or in the individual mobility tracks. As two students started four and five months later than the rest of the students in the second cohort (i.e. Mr Rakshit in January 2012 and Mr Arsioli in February 2012 respectively), please let us know whether any special arrangements are in place for these students and whether they are expected to finish at the same time as the rest of the 2011 cohort.
- 3) The second recommendation that we made to you in April 2011 was to send all relevant financial information to future students prior to their enrolment and to

include the brut and net salary (upon all the taxes deducted) in further employment contracts. We cannot find this information in your progress report and the employment contract that you have sent does not include brut and net salary. Please ensure that this information is provided in future reports by completing Part A, section 3 of the report template.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact maria.coghlan@ec.europa.eu.

Sincerely Yours,



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