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

I, Professor Lisa Roberts, President and Vice Chancellor, on behalf of University of Exeter, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

University of Exeter 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.

The Concordat aligns with the University of Exeter's Strategy 2030 targets of achieving carbon net zero across all scopes by 2030. Through our activities in this space, we aim to be recognised as a research leader across the sector and recognise the Concordat targets as contributing to this ambition. Our commitments mirror those identified within the Concordat, particularly those relating to ownership and leadership, sustainable infrastructure (including digital), sustainable procurement, business and local travel, and data analytics and reporting, all of which are outlined in our Environment and Climate Emergency Policy Statement. In the areas of research and innovation practice, we are opening up channels for industry to benefit from our research and to contribute to progression towards a green future; taking practical steps, such as developing a research carbon costing tool, and sustainable research framework to define best practice; and empowering technical experts and early-career researchers to trial new approaches through targeted pilot projects.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Lisa Roberts

President and Vice Chancellor  
University of Exeter