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

I, Irene Tracey, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice on behalf of the Institution.

The University of Oxford 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 University of Oxford is a global leader in research related to environmental sustainability. In 2021, we adopted an ambitious Environmental Sustainability Strategy with two core targets to achieve net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2035. The strategy's ten priority areas include carbon emissions, business travel, supply chain, resource use and biodiversity; all will be strengthened by the Concordat commitments. We report our progress annually in the University's financial statements. In addition, Oxford has participated in the Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) for a number of years, and this programme has now grown strongly across our research community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Tracey', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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