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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH NAME**

ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ: Ανοικτό Πανεπιστήμιο Κόσμος

IN ENGLISH: Cosmos Open University

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 11/04/2022 the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution **Cosmos Open University**, submitted an application (Doc. 200.2), based on Article (17) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the Institution with name:

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In the framework of the competences conferred upon it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), consisting of three (3) academics, one expert in student welfare issues, one expert in matters of building and technological infrastructure, and one university student. The EEC after initially examining the Institution's application for evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 30/10/2023.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the heads of the departments, the programmes' coordinators, members of the academic staff, and members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, it reviewed the Institution's facilities (library, computer rooms, laboratories, classrooms, research infrastructure, etc.), the institution's academic profile and orientation, quality assurance system and strategy, administrative structures, curriculum planning processes and the organization of teaching, the suitability of the academic and teaching staff and the research support mechanisms as well as various other documents presented to it and/or requested by the ECC.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.2.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 105th Summit on 15/04/2024, on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report **decided that the Institution is accredited as Private University.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2024-2025 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2028-2029.

The accreditation granted herein is conditional upon the Institution submitting satisfactory evidence of compliance with the preliminary requirements set forth by the Department of Town Planning and Housing dated 27/03/2024. Additionally, it is imperative that the necessary permits be obtained before the commencement of classes for the fall semester of 2024-2025.

On the basis of Article (4) (c) of the relevant Law, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation".

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17)(3)(g) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.



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President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: 17/04/2024