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Excellency,

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I have the honour of referring to your letter of 10 October 2012, addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management regarding “Update to Inspira database and WHED.”

Indeed the INSPIRA system relies on the content of the online database WHED received from IAU/UNESCO for a list of accredited educational institutions. While both IAU/UNESCO and the UN Secretariat recognize Euclide – Pole Universitaire Euclide and the other four UN institutions you mentioned as being accredited, the WHED was not including them because of its strictly country-driven categorization in the database. As these institutions are regional or global in nature they were indeed not listed in WHED. 11

We contacted IAU/UNESCO with a formal request to include the recognized UN and other international universities under a suitable category. We are pleased to inform you that IAU/UNESCO replied last week to our request with an agreement to list in their next release of the WHED database such institutions under the country of their respective location of headquarters.

As a **transitional procedural solution**, applicants in INSPIRA should follow these general guidelines:

A degree obtained from an institution that is not listed in the IAU/UNESCO WHED Database may be recognized by the United Nations upon our determination that the institution is accredited. **You may list a degree obtained from such institutions by following the instructions below for choosing the “Other Institution” option:** if you use this option, you may be asked to provide information pertaining to the accreditation status of the institution at a later date. Please be advised that your ability to list your education under this option does not necessarily constitute recognition of your degree by the United Nations.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOOSING "OTHER INSTITUTION" OPTION

1. Select "University/Tertiary" for the Type of institution.
2. Select Country (where the institution is located) from the drop down menu.
3. Select **Other Institution** for the name of your institution. A new field will appear for you to type in the Name of Institution.
4. **Type** the name of your institution.
5. For the Degree/Diploma, please select from list of credentials issued by the institutions of the country you picked.
6. You may also use the **Additional Comments** field to provide any further details about your degree/credential.

We suggest that, in the future, you would guide individuals contacting you with similar concerns to address OHRM with their specific and particular details of their educational background so that OHRM can provide tailored support to them.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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Re: Update to INSPIRA database and WHED

Dear Ms. Pollard,

I was recently informed that the UN Career Portal (Inspira) does not currently include the following university under the entry for "Central African Republic:"

- EUCLIDE (Pôle Universitaire Euclide)

Indeed, it would seem that none of the world's 5 "regional / international" institutions of higher learning (see also the master IAU/UNESCO list called HEIs at <http://www.iau-aiu.net/content/list-heis>) are included in your database, seemingly because your list is based on the WHED database (national IAU/UNESCO list) which does not include these intergovernmental / multilateral institutions. For information, the other 4 concerned institutions are listed hereunder with their headquarters state, also for inclusion in the Inspira system:

- United Nations University (Japan)
- World Maritime University (Sweden)
- European University Institute (Italy)
- IMO Institute of Maritime Law (Malta)

Moreover, the International Association of University has included EUCLIDE under the entry for University of Bangui (rather than as a distinct entry, as was requested by the authorities of the Central African Republic), which is also very problematic. I am therefore copying this letter to the IAU as a formal request to create a separate entry for EUCLIDE in the WHED online database since it is a distinct intergovernmental institution of higher learning headquartered in the Central African Republic.

A significant case in point is the wife of the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations (in copy), a recent EUCLID graduate who received her diploma at the hand of our Prime Minister, and who wishes to apply for a UN position. She obviously needs to be able to find EUCLIDE in the Inspira database, which illustrates the high level importance of this matter and the coordinated effort of our government to achieve his objective.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that this verification procedure could be done on a regular basis, after each update from the IAU/UNESCO WHED. Another option would be to ask IAU/UNESCO to add an "International" country location and includes these institutions into the WHED list.

The Central African Republic is a member state and stakeholder in the United Nations University which is likewise not listed in Inspira, and we therefore provide a copy of this communication to the UNU Representative Office in New York.

Thank you in advance for confirming receipt of this request and for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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