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To Whom It May Concern:

In 2004, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) launched the Electronic Database for Global Education (EDGE). The database, now in its third iteration, contains the educational profiles of over 200 countries, along with grading scale information and placement recommendations. It is the leading US resource for:

- international admissions,
- the determination of international transfer credit,
- and visa certification.

To oversee this database, AACRAO assembled the International Education Standards Council (IESC), a group of experts representing higher education institutions and evaluation agencies across the US. The Council reviews and approves the information and placement advice provided in the database.

Included in EDGE is an entry on the International General Certificate of Secondary Education / International GCSEs / IGCSEs. As stated under the Credential Advice, the IGCSEs represent attainment of a level of education comparable to completion of senior high school in the United States. The International General Certificate of Education Advanced Levels (International GCE A Levels), on the other hand, as well as the International General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Levels (International GCE AS Levels), are regarded as comparable to completion of introductory-level undergraduate (university) coursework in the United States.

For more information regarding EDGE, and how it can be accessed, please view our site at www.aacrao.org/edge. Please do not hesitate to contact me at edge@aacrao.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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