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Dear Ministers,

I would like to thank you for your recent letter in relation to an application from the Republic of Kosovo for accession to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and for the information provided on the measures being taken by your Government to prepare the application.

As you have referred to in your letter, the process for application is detailed in the document "Information to be provided by countries applying for accession to the European Higher Education Area". The accession to the EHEA is contingent upon the applicant country fulfilling two criteria: it must be a party to the European Cultural Convention and its competent public authorities must commit to implementing the values, goals and key policies of the EHEA.

The next meeting of the Board of the Bologna Follow-Up Group is taking place in September and your letter and request will be considered by the Board members.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your letter and I wish you well with your continuing higher education reforms and developments.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Education and Skills