



**AMERICAN
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OF BEIRUT**

Mediterraneo

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Prof. Mary Koutselini
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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation
in Higher Education (CYQAA)
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Subject: Institution Response to CYQAA's decision to postpone the accreditation for the Institutional, Departmental and Programmatic accreditations of the American University of Beirut Mediterraneo pending few contingencies

Dear Prof. Koutselini,

On March 13, 2023, in its 91st submit, the Council of the CYQAA decided to postpone the accreditation for the Institutional, Departmental and Programmatic accreditations of the American University of Beirut Mediterraneo pending the institution's response to four points. The institution addressed the four points and is enclosing its response below.

- 1. An updated "electromechanical certificate" for the current building**
- 2. An updated "fire certificate" for the current building**

The current electromechanical and fire certifications of the institution date to November 2019. The institution just restarted the fire and electromechanical recertification process. Before commencing operations and hosting students in September 2023, the institution commits to send CYQAA the updated certificates.

- 3. The ranks of the academic faculty should be in accordance with the legal framework of Cyprus; your lecturers must be named as "special scientists-lectures" and should not be on a promotion track, however they can apply for a higher position provided they fulfil the minimum requirements for research and publications.**

The title *Lecturer* has been changed as per the recommendation. The Charter has been

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updated to reflect this change; changes are highlighted in red bold font.

4. **As noted in the charter the positions of rectors and deans in the first years, until full staffing at all levels is completed, are appointed but in subsequent years they must be elected as per the legislation.**

The institution confirm that until full staffing at all levels of the university is completed, the positions of rector and deans are appointed, and after which these positions will be elected as per the legislation. The Charter has been updated accordingly; changes are highlighted in red bold font.

With best regards,

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