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Minister van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap
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Dear Minister,

date I am pleased to inform you that the process of self-certification for the Dutch National
February 12, 2009 Qualification Framework (NQF) for higher education has been completed. The verification
subject committee of independent international experts has come to the conclusion that the National
Process self-certification NQF Framework of Qualifications in the Netherlands is compatible with the overarching
your reference Framework for Qualifications in the European Higher Education Area.

our reference The Executive Board of NVAO has verified and decided that the committee report and its
NVAO/20094221/SW conclusions are based on the seven Bologna process criteria for verifying that national
annex frameworks are compatible with the Bologna framework.

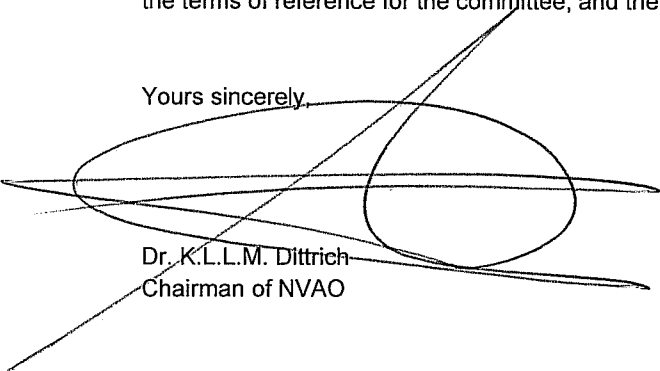
5 The report has been completed according to the agreed procedure as set out in the
"Terms of reference for the committee for the verification of the Dutch and Flemish NQFs".

The NVAO would like to ask your special attention for the recommendations of the committee.

This letter is to be viewed as the "stated agreement of the quality assurance bodies in the country in question recognised through the Bologna process", as mentioned in the Bologna procedures for verifying that national frameworks are compatible with the Bologna framework.

Please find attached the report of the committee with the accompanying letter of the chair; the terms of reference for the committee; and the Dutch NQF report that has been verified.

Yours sincerely,


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Chairman of NVAO