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Quality Assurance Statements for the Governing Bodies of Regulated Institutions

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Following the outcomes of the consultation carried out in circular <u>W16/38HE</u>: <u>Consultation on governing body annual assurance statements related to quality</u> and <u>W19/41HE</u>: <u>Consultation on an additional governing body assurance statement</u> <u>relating to quality</u>, the Governing Bodies of Regulated Institutions will be asked to confirm the following statements annually.

- 1 The governing body has received a report taking account of the external quality assurance review, and an action plan has been put in place and implemented as appropriate, in partnership with the student body.
- 2 The methodologies used as a basis to improve the student academic experience and student outcomes are, to the best of our knowledge, robust and appropriate.
- a) For providers with degree awarding powers:
 The standards of awards for which we are responsible have been appropriately set and maintained.
- b) For providers without degree awarding powers:
 The standards of awards for which we are responsible have been appropriately maintained.
- The governing body has considered a report on the annual dialogue between the institution and the student union or equivalent, scrutinised student survey outcomes and confirmed that action plans had been put in place and implemented, in partnership with the student body.
- 5 The governing body has received a copy of the relationship agreement between the institution and the student union or equivalent, and a copy of the student charter, both of which have been reviewed within the past year.
- 6 The governing body has effective oversight of degree outcomes and academic integrity.