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Declaration of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice

I, **Professor Duncan Ivison, President and Vice-Chancellor** on behalf of **The University of Manchester**, confirm our full commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

Our University's purpose is to advance education, knowledge, and wisdom for the good of society. Now, more than ever, we must apply this purpose to protect and enhance our environment and address climate change and biodiversity loss.

The University of Manchester is at the forefront of tackling global sustainability challenges through our world-leading research and our consistently high placing in The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings reflects the quality of all we do in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We also recognise how we conduct our research matters, and we are committed to embedding environmental sustainability across all research and innovation practices.

The University of Manchester fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We are committed to implementing these priorities and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory. Our Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-2028, *Our Sustainable Future*, outlines our plans to reduce our carbon footprint, promote sustainability in our teaching and learning and research and innovation, and engage and support our community in the transition to a more sustainable society.

Our strategy includes practical steps for areas where effective actions are already known, along with a commitment to transparent progress reporting. For more complex challenges requiring collaborative efforts and deeper inquiry, we aim to lead with flexibility and innovation, supporting a broader shift toward sustainable change.

By working together and weaving sustainability into the fabric of our University, we aim to lead responsibly in both local and global environmental solutions, helping to shape a healthy and prosperous future for generations to come.



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