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Dear Lydia,

Award of CIS Accreditation

The Board of Trustees of the Council of International Schools has now completed its study of the report submitted by the January 2013 CIS Visiting Team to your school. Board Members have also considered the Visiting Team's recommendation, and that of the CIS Accreditation Service and its Advisors, with regard to your school's status within the accreditation process. I am pleased to inform you that the Board decided to award CIS Accreditation to Colégio Luso Internacional Do Porto (CLIP). Warmest congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire school community on this achievement.

In reaching their decision to award accreditation, CIS Board Members took into account the Visiting Team's commendations, which contained many positive comments. Some of the most significant relate to the creation of an excellent working relationship between students and their teachers at all levels which has a very significant impact upon students' learning; the engagement of students in learning Portuguese in an active manner; the sensitive, collaborative and focused leadership provided in support of the school's operations; the progressive approach to providing professional development despite the limited funds available at a time of economic crisis in Portugal; and the excellent range of offerings for students provided through the CLIP Clubs.

Although the Visiting Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it made several recommendations. The school will need to address these in the coming years, and particular attention should be given to the recommendations which impact most upon the students' learning and well-being. Thus some of the most critical areas to prioritise will be those relating to Section B which contains the highest number of recommendations and is relevant to all parts of the school. It will also be most important to establish a Health and Safety Committee (a requirement which was mentioned to the school before the Visit).

CIS is aware of the period of upheaval and instability CLIP has experienced in its recent history and congratulates the school on successfully coming through what has clearly been a challenging time. Indeed it has emerged from the process in a stronger position. In addition to those issues that relate directly to the school, Portugal has also been going through a very

difficult time during the recent global economic crisis and CLIP is coping financially and maintaining stability.

You may now publish the fact that CLIP – The Oporto International School (Colégio Luso Internacional Do Porto) has been accredited by the Council of International Schools. An official CIS leaflet entitled “Your Child is at an Accredited School” is available for distribution in your school community if you wish. If this is of interest to you please contact the Accreditation Service at accreditation@cois.org.

To celebrate the granting of accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you with more information.

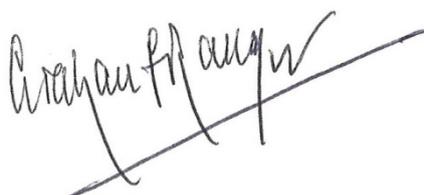
The next stage of the accreditation process will be the routine *First Report on Progress & Planning* (FRPP) by 1st February 2015. Guidance on how to write the reports will be sent to you from the CIS Office in Leiden.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Accreditation Officer Lesley Stagg (lesleystagg@cois.org) or me (grahamranger@cois.org) if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Lydia, please pass on my warmest congratulations to all at CLIP on achieving accredited status.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Ranger', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Graham Ranger
Director of Accreditation Services
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c.c. Dr. Lesley Stagg, CIS Regional Accreditation Officer
Liliana Gambin, CIS Member Services Advisor

Please note: You should have received the Visiting Team Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact the Accreditation Office at accreditation@cois.org to request a copy.