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Subject: Membership Visit Outcome Letter

Dear Jennifer,

Following the membership visit carried out by George Hobson, concluding on the 14th of September 2015, I am pleased to advise you that the American United School of Kuwait (AUS) has been granted membership of The Council of International Schools (CIS).

Some of the strengths identified in your application include:

- a clear commitment to work towards accreditation;
- well organized curriculum planning based upon standards;
- exceptional facilities and infrastructure together with an investment in staffing geared for growth;
- the developing food provision programmes; a purposeful atmosphere present, with a hard working staff and leadership establishing a functioning school within two years; and
- clear processes present for teacher recruitment, orientation and welfare.

We expect each CIS member school to begin the CIS accreditation process, or provide evidence of an external quality assurance report from an agency of repute and standing, within two years of becoming a CIS member. Some of the issues the school may wish to focus on in the intervening period include:

- careful consideration of the development of governance, particularly at the owner/advisory board and owner/head interfaces, and the establishment of workable written policies and practices; and
- the production of a plan for the writing of procedures and policies, together with an appropriate way for all to have access to these, to ensure that the system is coherent and complete.

We congratulate everyone at the school on your commitment to the shared vision held by CIS school members around the world – a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens and a commitment to high quality education and sustainable school improvement.



Accordingly, you may now access the full range of CIS programmes and services including:

- the pursuit of the award of International Accreditation – a school improvement process achieved through peer review and evaluation;
- the pursuit of CIS International Certification – a project-based process of guided school development which allows schools to validate, further develop and gain recognition for their international programmes;
- the world-wide recruitment and selection of educational staff via our Educator Recruitment and Leadership Search Services;
- university Admission and Guidance Counselling support through our Higher Education division; and
- collaboration and networking opportunities with international educators around the world.

The CIS Membership Terms and Conditions are outlined for your reference on the 'CIS School Membership Agreement – Terms and Conditions' document that you may access via your school's account on the CIS community portal (My School/Terms & Conditions).

All of us at CIS look forward to providing support to AUS during the years ahead.

With best regards,

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

Dr. Graham Ranger
Director of School Support & Evaluation
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c.c. Ray Davis, Associate Director, CIS School Support & Evaluation
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