

## **PROPOSED NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

Some concern has been expressed recently about the proposed new version of the School's Articles of Association, which makes no mention of the Academic Annex and thus could be read to imply an intention to remove the Annex from the Articles.

In fact, there is no such intention. We should have flagged this up explicitly and I am sorry that we did not do so.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Annex remains in force unless and until it is changed. There is of course a process under way - separately from the reform of the Articles – of full consultation with the UCU on matters covered by the Annex. This process is taking longer than originally envisaged to complete. Currently the School is looking to resume consultation with the UCU. I can assure you that the School will take full account of comments and opinions expressed before proposing change.

In light of the above, we intend to clarify to the School community that there is no intention to remove the Annex from the Articles, and also (to meet a separate concern that has been expressed) to extend the deadline for comments on the proposed reform of the Articles from 2 May to 6 June.

I am copying this message to members of DMT and to all heads of academic departments, for information.

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Secretary

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