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Madam or Sir:

During the current academic year (2016-2017), Webster University Geneva, through its Department of International Relations, committed to develop a new curriculum focused on managing, understanding and upholding respectively International Humanitarian Emergencies, Human Rights and Human Security.

In fact, we designed two new graduate courses which have been adopted by Webster University's global network of campuses: International Disaster Law (INTL 5535) and Food and Water Security (INTL 5585). In addition, we rejuvenated the MA in International and Nongovernmental Organizations (MAINGO) adding more in-the-field experiences and profiting from the valuable contribution of guest lecturers from the International Committee of the Red Cross, Doctors without Borders and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

We also designed an executive education certificate in Food and Water Security together with some colleagues of the University of Geneva and of the SOAS-University of London. This 2-week certificate, which will be launched at the end of June 2017, is intended for mid-career professionals and/or officials working in both the private and public sector as well as in NGOs.

Last but not least, we are designing a new MA in Human Rights and Humanitarian Emergencies, which hopefully will be offered during next academic year.

Our commitment remains the diffusion of a Human Rights culture and new, research-based curriculum to improve the knowledge and respect of Human Rights among our students and the *Genève internationale*.

Yours sincerely,



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