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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary,

Thank you for your letter commissioning the MAC to advise on a points-based system of migration. This is a substantial piece of work on an important issue and we shall do the best job we can in the short amount of time available.

The MAC looks forward to engaging with colleagues in Government, business and all other interested parties to produce a report in response to this commission, alongside the existing Salary Threshold Commission. We shall start our call for evidence imminently. This will need to be on a tight deadline for us to report in January 2020. We hope stakeholders will understand.

As an evidence-based body it is important for us to be able to evaluate the UK's previous experience with systems similar to a PBS – the Highly Skilled Migrants' Programme (that ran from 2002-2008) and the Tier 1 (General) programme (that ran from 2008 to 2010). We hope that officials in the Home Office and elsewhere will assist us in obtaining access to the necessary data in a form suitable for analysis and that we have your support in these requests.

Yours Sincerely

Professor Alan Manning
Chair Migration Advisory Committee