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## **Education Sector Division for Planning & Development of Education Systems** *Section for Policy Advice & ICT*

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To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter as an indication of my appreciation of Melissa Moncrieffe's qualifications, capacities and excellent work.

In my current responsibility as head of sector policy advice in education at UNESCO headquarters in Paris (France) I usually supervise the work of a dozen of interns from all over the world during the year. I had the pleasure to have Melissa Moncrieffe as one of them back in 2012.

During her internship at UNESCO, Mrs. Moncrieffe had the opportunity to contribute to a major piece of research on the effects of the financial crisis on education in twelve countries, financed by DFID. I have to say that she performed exceptionally well during her internship, particularly in comparison to other inters. During the weeks she worked with me, Mrs. Moncrieffe has consistently shown such a strong desire to learn and commitment to quality research that I simply could not turn down her request for recommendation.

Though Mrs. Moncrieffe has consistently exceeded in all areas normally covered in an internship, ranging from research skills to team work, the best example of her intelligence and academic potential shone through a working paper on recent research on the effects of the financial crisis on education from a comparative, international and empirical perspective that we hope to publish soon in our UNESCO Working Papers on Education Policy Series. This work clearly shows her ability to deliver a clear, concise and well-thought account of the state of the art with a new perspective by demonstrating how important the research gaps still are in this domain.

Mrs. Moncrieffe continues to impress me with her knowledge, skill and dedication to work. It is my hope that you will accept her application. Feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Francesc Pedró