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Mr Rahul Gandhi President
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Dear Mr Gandhi

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2016 concerning transfer restrictions for overseas students.

I appreciate that education providers invest significantly in recruiting overseas students in off-shore markets.

As you may be aware, the *National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007* (National Code) is being reviewed as part of the overall reform of the *Education Services for Overseas Students* framework. Formal public consultation on a revised National Code is expected early next year, and all stakeholder views will be considered in the process. I invite you to also provide your views during the public consultation process.

I will give serious consideration to your concerns that any change to the current restriction on students transferring within the first six months of their principal course may adversely impact the Australian international education sector.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and for your ongoing commitment to Australia's international education sector.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Birmingham', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Simon Birmingham