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Dear Richard,

The IMPRESS Project Board has now considered my report on the Appointment Panel candidates and I am delighted to say that they have endorsed my recommendation that you should be invited to join the Panel.

Please could you respond, as soon as you are able, to confirm: (a) your acceptance of the appointment and (b) that there are no conflicts of interest that you are aware of that should prevent you from making fair and unbiased decisions.

The terms of your appointment are as set out in the candidate brief (attached), which you have already seen. This is a *pro bono* appointment for an initial term of one year from 4 August 2014. The expected time commitment is between one and two days in the first six months, followed by a period 'on call' for the second six months, should any follow-on issues arise. Panel meetings will be held in Central London. Participation by electronic means may be possible for some of the meetings.

We intend to issue a press release announcing the appointments as soon as they are finalised. With that in mind, **we would be grateful if you could supply a very short summary of your relevant experience (no more than 50 words) to include in this announcement.**

We have already announced the appointment of Aidan White as Chair of the Appointment Panel (see <http://impressproject.org/appointments/>). Aidan is an internationally-recognised expert on press freedom and ethical journalism who shares our vision of a regulator which upholds high standards in journalism. He joined the Project Board in their selection of Panel members, and I know that he is looking forward to working with you.

What happens next?

Emails are being sent today to all appointees. I will notify you of the full list of Panel members as soon as these appointments have been completed.

Meanwhile, we are drawing up a recruitment plan which we would like to discuss with the Panel, by whatever means is the most appropriate, later this month. **Could you confirm whether you are available for a meeting, in person or electronically, in the period 11-22 August?**

I would like to thank you, once again, for your interest in IMPRESS. The past few months have been an exhilarating time for those of us involved in launching the project. Now, with your involvement, we are turning the corner from an idea into a regulator.

I look forward to an exciting and productive autumn.

Yours sincerely, Jonathan

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