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Dear Colleagnes,

The National On-line education MOOC platform SWAYAM was launched by MHRD on 9th July 2017. Till date more than 2800 courses have been run through SWAYAM and the total enrolments in these courses have crossed 1.25 crores. The access to these courses is free and there is a nominal examination fee for those who want to get the certificate. Now SWAYAM courses including on-line Degree/Certificate programs are being offered to more than 20 African Countries by Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India under the e-VBAB project.

- 2. With the experience gained in the last two years, the new version i.e. SWAYAM 2.0 has been recently commissioned. The platform has higher scalability, enhanced features and facilities for Faculty and Students, multiple assessment and evaluation techniques, automatic programming assignment evaluation and facilitates translation to Indian languages. The platform has been developed and is being run under the guidance of IIT Madras.
- 3. A new Second Vertical has been opened in SWAYAM for hosting courses which are part of on-line Degree/Certificate programs of Top ranking/Eminent Educational Institutions. These courses would be accessible only to the students admitted by these Educational Institutions. The Educational Institutions are free to fix the fees for these degree/certificate programs. Hosting institutions are required to pay a nominal charge of 15% of the fees to SWAYAM towards Hardware, Software, Cloud and personnel charges for hosting and running of the courses in SWAYAM. A number of top ranking universities are proposing to offer on-line Degree/Certificate programmes through SWAYAM in 2020.
- 4. I would like to invite Eminent Institution such as yours to come forward, be a partner in this National Initiative and offer on-line Degree/Certificate programmes through SWAYAM in areas of high demand. As discussed, you are free to fix all the aspects of the programme such as curriculum, duration, fees etc.
- 5. Looking forward to your active participation

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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