MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Administrators and Coordinators

Cc: Luc De Nil, Acting Dean, Graduate Studies and Acting Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Charmaine Williams, Acting Vice-Dean, Students; Josie Lalonde, Director, Student Academic Services; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid

FROM: Hasmik Sargsyan, Manager, Recruitment and Admissions

DATE: October 18, 2018

RE: International Credentials Equivalencies Database (ICED)

As the admission cycle gets underway, I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that 27 countries have been revised and updated on the International Credentials Equivalencies Database (ICED) posted on the SGS webpage. The revised countries include: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and USA.

The minimum GPA requirements, U of T bachelor’s and master’s degree equivalencies, sample of grading systems, language of instruction, and note sections have been revised. To assist graduate units allowing direct entry to a PhD and assessing applications/nominations for graduate awards requiring A-, a new “A- Equivalent” has been added to the grading scale of the revised countries.

The database is a tool to assist departmental staff in assessing international applications and should not be distributed to prospective applicants. If you need clarification for a particular applicant, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office.

Prospective applicants, educated outside of Canada, can get information on international credential equivalency through the SGS website. Applicants have access to a limited amount of information on minimum GPA and international credentials requirements for admission to master’s and doctoral programs at U of T.

Revisions to the database are ongoing and we will post pages with further changes as well as pages for additional countries, as soon as they are available.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at hasmik.sargsyan@utoronto.ca.