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Dear valued partner,

Greetings from Queen's University, Canada. I hope this email finds you in good health as we anticipate the upcoming year of student mobility programming.

As you may have recently learned, the Government of Canada announced on <u>January 22</u>, <u>2024</u> a temporary cap for the next two years, on the number of study permits for international students entering Canada. This will affect any undergraduate exchange student who will be on full-year exchange to Queen's for the 2024-2025 academic year.

I am writing to reassure you that Queen's understands the implications of this government policy shift for our shared exchange program. We expect additional clarification in the upcoming weeks, on process and timelines. We will convey these to you. We hope to be able to accept a <u>limited</u> number of full-year exchange students as we acknowledge that for some partners, full-year entry is the only option.

As in previous years, our faculties are able to continue accepting single-term entries for the fall term 2024 (September to December) and winter term 2025 (January-April). Please consult with your exchange coordinator in relevant faculty international offices at Queen's to discuss this option.

Together our global collaborations have made a strong recovery in the wake of the pandemic and it is unfortunate that we have a new obstacle to navigate. Queen's is deeply committed to international education and remains committed to welcoming international exchange students to Queen's and to Canada. Be assured that we will continue to provide updates as they become available to the university.

With best wishes,

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