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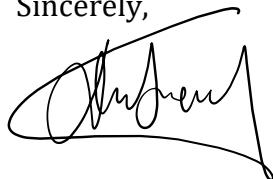Re: Ibrahim Alghamdi's PhD funding extension request

I am writing to advise that Mr Ibrahim Alghamdi (Matriculation Number: 2287875) is a PhD Research Student in the School of Computing Science at the University of Glasgow since May 2017 and I am his PhD supervisor.

Ibrahim has made very good progress in his research over the years but the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 (in the UK) meant that there is anticipation that the final stages of submission, viva voce examination, and final corrections will be delayed. This is due to significant challenges faced by Ibrahim and his family mainly due to increased childcare responsibilities, but also due to global challenges impacting international travel and productivity.

As a result, I anticipate Ibrahim will require a further 12 months from now to complete writing of his thesis (on track for submission by 30th April 2021), attend the viva voce examination, carry out resulting corrections, and filing the final version for archival.

I believe Ibrahim will benefit significantly from being in close proximity to the University (and research facilities) for the final stages of his PhD and not having to face any further travel disruption. I therefore fully support Ibrahim's request for a funding extension of 12 months.

Sincerely,

Professor Dimitrios Pezaros.