



The English-Speaking Union

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Dear Chairman of an ESU International Branch,

I am delighted to let you know that I have this morning received a letter from Buckingham Palace giving me the wonderful news that Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has graciously consented to be the next President of the English-Speaking Union for three years. We are very grateful indeed for this honour and will of course be seeking to make this Presidency much longer!

You will know something of the huge number of charities of which Her Royal Highness is Patron or President and the number of engagements she fulfils each year. We are therefore all the more honoured and grateful that she has agreed to add the English-Speaking Union to her many responsibilities and duties.

We continue to be honoured that Her Majesty The Queen remains our Patron.

I shall email more on this wonderful news of our new President at a later date but wanted you to know, share the good news and celebrate immediately.

Warmest best wishes,  
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