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Dear Aubrey,

This letter acts as a formal confirmation that the New Economics Foundation regards the Global Commons Institute as the originator and intellectual author of the idea of 'contraction and convergence'.

I can also confirm that we aim to acknowledge fully the contribution of the Global Commons Institute, and your own entrepreneurship in this regard, in our related work. With your permission, and with attribution, we would like to continue using the range of graphics necessary to explain contraction and convergence.

It is not simply that we respect the innovation you have made. We regard it as no less than the logical starting point for any sustainable future. We value the past and I hope future collaboration GCI and NEF can have, as we develop and innovate in terms of building the case and constituency of support for contraction and convergence.

With best wishes, yours sincerely

Ed Mayo Executive Director

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