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That looks good to me. If everybody else agrees let me know when and where it is up and I'll respond to queries directing to this.

I will also contact the Law Dept and those that have sent on queries to me to let them know. Do we need to do anything else via internal comms so that people are aware? It is hard to guess who exactly might receive a random query.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** Statement for the LSE website

Dear colleagues,

Further to the correspondence yesterday, Fiona and I have put together a draft statement (below) which can go on the LSE website. It is based on previously agreed statements and deliberately does not go into the range of claims and counter-claims being circulated

**Please let me know if there is anything of concern or anything you believe needs to be added/ deleted.**

Ideally we would like to get this uploaded later today.

Best wishes,

Danny

## **LSE statement on PhD of Tsai Ing-wen**

LSE has received a number of queries regarding the academic status of our alumna, Dr Tsai Ing-Wen, President of Taiwan.

We can be clear that the records of LSE and of the University of London - the degree awarding body at the time - confirm that Dr Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

All degrees from that period were awarded via the University of London and the thesis would have been sent first to their Senate House Library. However, it has recently been discovered that the University of London Senate House Library are unable to find the hard copy of the thesis.

The Senate House Library records confirm that a copy was received and sent by them to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) and there is a listing of Dr Ing-Wen's thesis 'Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions' In the IALS index document "Legal Research in the United Kingdom 1905-1984", which was published in 1985.

Dr Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile of a personal copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions* which is available to view in the Library Reading Room. We understand Dr Tsai has also provided a digital version of her personal copy to the National Central Library of Taiwan.

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