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Presidency of the Bologna Follow-Up Group

Report on Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA

I am pleased to submit to the Bologna Follow-Up Group ENQA's report to the European Ministers titled "Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area".

ENQA has drafted the report in close consultations with our members and in cooperation with our European key partners: the European University Association (EUA), the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE), and the National Unions of Students in Europe (ESIB), who have subsequently endorsed the report.

The report fulfils the mandate given to ENQA by the European Ministers in 2003 to develop an agreed set of standards, procedures and guidelines on quality assurance and to explore ways of ensuring an adequate peer review system for quality assurance and/or accreditation agencies or bodies, and to report back through the Bologna Follow-Up Group to Ministers in 2005.

I look forward to presenting the report in the next meeting of the Bologna Follow-Up Group 1 March 2005 and to discussing the proposals and recommendations of the report.

Sincerely,

Christian Thune
President of ENQA