

## **INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR MINISTERIAL EVENT IN LONDON 2007**

### **Introduction**

1. Plans are at a very early stage for the next Ministerial summit, which will take place in London, May 2007.
2. This paper invites the Board to offer comments on the format for the event.

### **Progress report**

3. The event will take place over one and half days between 16-18 May 2007, in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. Work is under way to engage a conference organiser and arrange accommodation for delegates.
4. Drawing on the discussion at the last BFUG about the Bergen conference, we are starting to develop an outline programme (copy attached). Our intention is to make the event as open and transparent as possible, without making it unmanageable in size. We are currently considering how we might make the event more participative for all delegates. We would particularly welcome the Board's views on this point.
5. We intend writing to all Bologna Ministers shortly, to alert them to the date for the event.

### **Conclusion**

6. The Board is invited to:
  - note the date and venue for the London event
  - offer comments on the outline programme.