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***Information from the Co-chairs***

**WORK AT THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUÉ   
ON THE BFUG MEETING** in Rīga, March 24–25

Dear BFUG colleagues,

Because the upcoming BFUG meeting in Rīga is the last one before we meet in Yerevan, it is of critical importance to agree on the Communiqué text. For this reason Co-chairs suggest the following order of work:

*March 24*

* general comments on the draft 2 of the Communiqué (11:30 - 12:00);
* working through the text paragraph by paragraph (12:00 -13:00 and 14:30-15:15);
* drafting group meets at to systemize the suggestions and incorporate them in the text and producing a new version of the draft of the Communiqué (17:30-20:00 ),

*March 25*

* BFUG members receive printed copies of the draft 3,
* 10:00-11:00 Continuation of the discussion on the Yerevan Ministerial Communiquéand 11.30-12:30 Finalisation the Yerevan Ministerial Communiqué

As explained in the cover note for the draft Communiqué, the circulated text is a delicate compromise between already received contributions and opinions raised at previous meetings. To reach an agreement on the text to be forwarded to the Ministerial Conference, it is of crucial importance that we use the time allocated as efficiently as possible. Therefore, we will introduce the following guiding principles for the debate and rely on your self-discipline at the meeting:

* Interventions should be short and concise to give as many members as possible the opportunity to speak at a given point and paragraph.
* Only substantial requests for changes should be tabled at this stage.
* If the Co-chairs decide to introduce changes to the text, members are asked only to take the floor in case of serious opposition to the changes.