The GFMD Steering Group
- Manageable size and enhanced working methods

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Point of departures

• **Recommendation in the assessment report**
  - “ensure an appropriate regional balance and manageable size of the Steering Group.”

• **Priority during the Swedish chairmanship – A more dynamic Forum**
  - enhance the working methods of the Steering Group
  - ensure efficiency, flexibility and transparency in the work
  - Complementarities between the Troika, the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum.
Work to date

- Request to SG members to reconfirm their interest to remain members and input for enhancing the working methods

- Discussions in the SG during 2013
**Result of Request to Steering Group members**

**Reconfirmed interest (29):** Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and US.

**Wish to step down (2):** Japan and the UK

**No answer (6):** Brazil, Norway, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, and Qatar.
Discussions in the SG

- Work be developed based on the following principle:
  i) aim to limit the size,
  ii) clarify expectations of SG members,
  iii) further define the roles and responsibilities,
  iv) set up a clear process for how interest from new countries to become members
  v) explore the possibility of a rotating membership.
ToR - Troika

Consists of current Chair, outgoing Chair and the incoming Chair

- assists the Chair-in-office
- discusses strategic and political issues
- makes recommendations to the SG and FoF
Membership – countries that have a demonstrated commitment and real engagement.

- Gives overall strategic direction
- Considers and advises on policy issues
- Provides advice
- Periodically assesses the activities of the GFMD
Proposed informal rotational system

- Allow for new countries to join the SG
- Based on the confirmation from countries of willingness to remain SG members
- Possibility once a year for rotation
- Troika agrees on composition
ToR - FoF

Open to all States that are members or observers of the UN as well as other GFMD observers.

- acts as a sounding board
- serves as a consultative body
- discusses and exchanges views on substantive issues
Next steps

• Discussion and written input

• Revisions and possibly further consultation

• Final proposal for endorsement at the Future of the Forum session