



# 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**



# ToR - SG

**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**