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To: Bologna Follow-Up Group Secretariat

Head of Secretariat

Ms Gayane Harutyunyan

Dear Ms. Harutyunyan,

With this letter, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia would like to reiterate the willingness to effectively contribute to the activities of the Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG). Based on the fact that during the last BFUG meeting in Rome there were two separate applications and joint agreement was not achieved, Georgia has decided that it would postpone its interest to carry out the functions of BFUG Secretariat in 2018-2020.

We would like to highlight once again that our vision is that the Secretariat serves as a cooperation venue between the member states that have demonstrated more progress in the Bologna Process implementation with those that have managed to develop less. This is particularly crucial in reference to the raised concerns regarding uneven progress among the Bologna member countries. Georgia, being a post-Soviet country itself, has a good understanding of challenges that Eastern European countries face and shall support their effective communication. We are eager to act as a liaison to enhance participation of the Eastern European countries in BFUG activities as equal partners. We believe that today might be the crucial moment to bring forward analytical functions of the Secretariat. This might include and not be limited to a comprehensive study of challenges of Bologna Process implementation in the post-Soviet countries or wider representation of the Eastern European countries in order to find the best-fit solutions to the existing problems.

To reinforce Georgia's commitment to the objectives of the Bologna Process a special Unit to support the Bologna Process and Euro-integration was created at LEPL- National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE) in January, 2015. The Unit will pave the ground for setting up the platform to ensure successful implementation of the BFUG Secretariat tasks in 2018-2020.

Let me express my sincere wishes to France in its strive to serve as the BFUG Secretariat in 2015-17 and our dedication to successful performance of BFUG and Bologna process across Europe.

Sincerely,

