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Item 3(d) Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Framework

National quality assurance frameworks

Mr. Chair,

Samoa is grateful to the Expert Group for the updated version of the *National Quality Assurance Framework*. We note that the components on “Elements to be assured” from the 2012 report which comprised a list of thought-provoking questions for self-assessment comprising elements to be assured in each broad area, have all been omitted from the current version. We want to stress that those thought-provoking questions in the 2012 version are still very useful and relevant for Self-assessment especially for countries like ours with limited resources to conduct a full NQA exercise. *We therefore recommend attaching those questions again in the recent report or add them as reference material or attach them in the Annex page whatever option is most appropriate, but not omit them completely.* On that note, we support the Initial proposal for a plan to support countries implementing the NQAF and work of the Expert Group in the next 2 years.